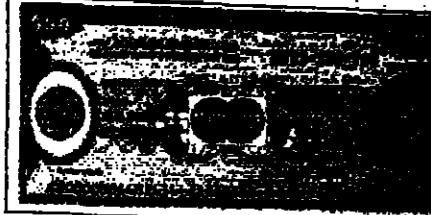


Buy now... pay later  
Buy now your Thomas Cook Travellers Cheques  
for your holiday trip with BEHCO MasterCard.  
Get 50% discount on purchases!



10.7650

Fashion  
Page 14

# ARAB TIMES

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1, 1989/ MOHARRAM 30-SAFAR 1, 1410 AH

73276  
351



BEHCO

MADE IN SWITZERLAND  
QUALITY WATCHES

A new range of high  
quality gents' & ladies'  
watches has just arrived  
at our showrooms. Come &  
have a look at the  
precision & elegance.

YACOUB BEHBEHANI  
Al Salat Showroom: 2421131  
Kot Al Wazir: 2420560  
Babylon Complex: 2403654



24 PAGES 150 FILS

## French bid dies in rain of shells

BEIRUT, Aug 30. (AP) - Indiscriminate rocket and artillery duels in Beirut today during a national strike claimed as a victory.

Hundreds were arrested, but there was less violence than feared.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's government went to great lengths to thwart the one-day strike, called

by the opposition to back its demand for his resignation over corruption charges.

Deploying police in strength, authorities warned civil servants of serious consequences if they took part. Central government offices and state-owned industries worked fairly normally, but many people seemed to take the strike as an opportunity for a day off.

The worst trouble was in the northeastern state of Tripura, a Marxist stronghold, where seven people were killed and 40 injured in clashes between Congress and Communist Party workers.

Three people were killed in opposition-ruled Kerala in southern India.

Home Minister Buta Singh called the day of action a failure.

"Defying threats to their safety and security, workers throughout the country have responded magnificently in rejecting what amounted to a call to retard the nation's progress," he said in a statement.

But opposition leader Vishwanath Pratap Singh told reporters: "The strike was near-total in its magnitude."

The strike was widely seen as a trial of strength ahead of parliamentary elections due by the end of the year.

The strike closed shops, businesses and schools, stopped rail and transport services and triggered violent demonstrations in the six opposition-ruled states.

But the strike, sponsored by four opposition parties, evoked only a limited response in the 19 states governed by Rajiv's Congress Party.

In Calcutta, the country's largest city and the capital of Marxist-ruled West Bengal state, one opposition supporter was killed and 46 others injured as police fired into the air and threw tear gas to try to separate the warring groups, police said.

Singh said more than 100,000 opposition supporters were arrested in the eastern state of Bihar for enforcing the strike. At least 36 people were hurt, eight of them seriously, when baton-carrying police charged the stone-throwing mobs, witnesses said.

About 2,700 people, including 16 lawmakers, were arrested for sitting on railroad in Tamil Nadu state, police said. Arrests during such protests are routine and detainees are released after a few hours without charges.

More than 700 opposition activists were arrested in southern Andhra Pradesh state, while 50 were taken into custody in northern Punjab state, police said.

In New Delhi's central shopping arcade, police used batons to break up clashing pro and anti-government supporters. Opposition leader Atal Behari Vajpayee and several members of his Indian People's Party were arrested, police said.

State-run Delhi Transport Corporation operated its fleet of 3,800 passenger buses. PTI quoted an official as saying, but witnesses said most buses had few passengers.

### UN deplores

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 30. (Reuters) - The Security Council today deplored Israel's continuing deportation of Palestinians from the occupied territories and called on it to desist from further expulsions. (See earlier story Page 7)

### President dwarfed

Argentine President Carlos Menem (left) smiles back at 77 Argentine basketball player Jorge Gonzalez, before a televised match to raise money for the poor. Menem played for the national squad, which beat an all-star team 105-102. (Reuter wirephoto)

## No direct talks with Iraq: Iran

NICOSIA, Aug 30. (Reuters) - Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati today ruled out direct talks with his Iraqi counterpart Tareq Aziz during the non-aligned summit in Belgrade next week.

Velayati, back from a one-day visit to India, told Iran's IRNA news agency that Baghdad's proposal of direct peace talks with Iran only aimed to undermine Security Council Resolution 598 which is the basis of UN-sponsored negotiations.

UN sources said on Friday that Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar was trying to arrange a high-level meeting with

Iran and Iraq at the Belgrade summit next week.

IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Velayati as saying Iran was "not likely to engage in direct peace talks with its Iraqi government without UN supervision."

The ruling Baath Party daily Al Thawra on Friday reiterated Iraq's call for Iran to hold direct talks to speed up the peace process which started with a ceasefire a year ago.

"How can progress (in peace talks) be achieved if the Iranian regime has not yet shown any serious readiness to enter into real direct talks with Iraq?" it asked.

### Weekly hurt Muslims

## Dhaka bans magazine

DHAKA, Aug 30. (Reuters) - Bangladesh banned publication of an independent weekly magazine today apparently for printing an article criticised by several political parties for ridiculing Islam.

The official BSS news agency quoted a government announcement as saying Asha Din Jai, a Bengali weekly, had been banned for "printing objectionable and harmful statements."

The government also confiscated the Aug 30 issue of the magazine, BSS said, but gave no other details.

A Home Ministry official said the magazine had been banned after several pro-Islamic political parties said the article had ridiculed Islam and hurt the sentiments of Muslims.

## Imelda's request to obtain classified material rejected

NEW YORK, Aug 30. (UPI) - The judge in the racketeering case against exiled Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos turned down yesterday her request to obtain classified material, which she said was obtained by government agencies through electronic surveillance, for possible use in her defense.

But Judge John Keenan said he would honour a government request for him to review in private the information for possible disclosure.

Mrs Marcos, 59, and her deposed, dying husband, Ferdinand, Saudi Arabian billionaire arms merchant Adnan Khashoggi and seven other people were charged in a \$345 million criminal racketeering case in October 1987.

The Marcoses are accused of stealing Philippine government funds. Marcos, 71, was severed April 17 from the case because he was gravely ill.

"The government opposes the application, contending that Imelda has established neither the relevance nor the existence of such materials," Keenan said in his ruling.

The court records also indicated yesterday that Imelda and Ferdinand Marcos were under surveillance.

Allegations of such surveillance have raised eyebrows in the diplomatic community and unanswered questions as to the propriety of undercover surveillance of heads of state.

Marcos was ousted from power in Manila in February 1986 by a popular uprising led by Corazon Aquino -- who is now president -- and supported by the military.

In a separate submission to Keenan, the assistant US attorney prosecuting the case claimed, "the surveillance, on which defendant was overheard was lawful."

Keenan said after his review of the documents, disclosure would be ordered "to the extent that due process requires."

(See Page 7)



Rekha  
Kidnap

Page 13



Adjani



Open

Page 24

Amir leaves Egypt after state visit, flies to Geneva

## Fresh backing for PLO peace drive

Appeal to Lebanon; hope for final Gulf peace

GENEVA, Aug 30. (KUNA) - HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah arrived in Geneva today from Cairo after ending a three-day state visit to Egypt. It was his first official visit to Egypt.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak saw him off at Cairo International Airport.

The Amir's visit was highlighted by the signing of several agreements cementing bilateral ties, including a KD10 million loan to develop Egypt's iron and steel works.

Earlier this morning, the Amir and Mubarak held a round of

talks at the Qubba Presidential Palace, state run Radio Cairo reported without elaboration.

In a statement issued in Cairo at the end of Amir's visit, Kuwait and Egypt reiterated their support to the constructive and objective Palestinian peace strategy under the leadership of the PLO, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

The two sides expressed willingness to continue their support to the Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab territories.

Condemning the inhuman Israeli practices against the Palestinians in occupied Arab land, Kuwait and Egypt appealed to peace-loving forces to exert efforts in a bid to persuade Israel to desist from those practices which contradict international norms and constitute a blatant violation of the international law.

The statement said special concern was given to the Lebanese crisis, urging all parties to the conflict to stop escalating military confrontation and adhere to the principle of the peaceful settlement that will take into consideration the interests of all parties.

In this connection, the two sides hailed the efforts exerted by the Arab League committee on Lebanon and appealed to all parties to co-operate with the committee to enable it to reach a settlement.

The two sides expressed their relief over ceasefire in the Iraq-Iran war and expressed hope that the current truce would turn into genuine peace leading to security and stability in the region and enabling Iraq and Iran to concentrate their efforts to reconstruction.

The two sides voiced their support (Continued on Page 9)



### Ordeal in Tokyo

Three blind-folded Filipinas, accompanied by a priest, tell a news conference in Manila, after returning from Japan, how Japanese employers had illegally confined them in Tokyo and forced them into prostitution. The girls had gone to Japan to look for jobs but had no work permits. (Reuter wirephoto)

### NEWSWATCH

The Arab Times has decided to discontinue publishing Reuter's stock market services from today. However we will continue to publish the full price information about the Kuwait stock market and trends in other major world markets.

Leona found guilty: Self-styled hotel queen Leona Helmsley was found guilty on Wednesday of evading more than a million dollars in taxes after a trial in which she was accused of writing off as business expenses everything from girdles to her mansion's swimming pool. (Reuter) (See Page 2)

Dorothy Schiff dies: Dorothy Schiff, the heiress who molded the historic New York Post into one of America's most liberal dailies during her 37 years at its helm, died on Wednesday. She was 86. (AP)



### Awaits sentence

Susan Barber, convicted of offering her 14-year-old daughter to a twice convicted rapist for sex to pay off a crack debt, awaits her sentencing in a Detroit court room. (Reuter wirephoto) (See Page 3)

Forest fire threatens Athens: A forest fire raged north of Athens on Wednesday, threatening luxury homes in the suburb of Eikali but not endangering the city, fire service officials said.

The fire broke out in the plush suburb at the foot of the Pendeli mountain, where many Greek politicians including former Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou have homes. (Reuter)

They said Turkish officials turned away three Bulgarian Foreign Ministry officials who flew to Istanbul's Ataturk Airport on a special flight with a UN delegation because they did not have visas.

Turkish Foreign Ministry officials were unavailable for comment.

Ankara rejects talks on Bulgaria's 1.5 million ethnic Turks unless Sofia agrees they should lead to an immigration accord to safeguard the property rights of 310,000 ethnic Turks who streamed into Turkey between early June and Aug. 22.

Turkey imposed visa restrictions on Aug. 22, effectively stopping the inflow and later cut rail links through Bulgaria to try to force Sofia to accept an immigration accord.

Bulgaria says it wants open-ended talks and rejects such an accord.

## Bulgaria snubbed

ISTANBUL, Aug 30. (Reuters) - Bulgarian diplomats said Turkey snubbed an attempt to row over ethnic Turks.

They said Turkish officials turned away three Bulgarian Foreign Ministry officials who flew to Istanbul's Ataturk Airport on a special flight with a UN delegation because they did not have visas.

Turkish Foreign Ministry officials were unavailable for comment.

Ankara rejects talks on Bulgaria's 1.5 million ethnic Turks unless Sofia agrees they should lead to an immigration accord to safeguard the property rights of 310,000 ethnic Turks who streamed into Turkey between early June and Aug. 22.

Turkey imposed visa restrictions on Aug. 22, effectively stopping the inflow and later cut rail links through Bulgaria to try to force Sofia to accept an immigration accord.

Bulgaria says it wants open-ended talks and rejects such an accord.

## Journalists in Cairo protest

CAIRO, Aug 30. (AP) - In a highly unusual move, Egyptian reporters and writers, including Nobel prize laureate Naguib Mahfouz, are protesting the treatment of jailed colleagues charged with belonging to a clandestine communist organisation.

About 55 journalists, lawyers and workers were arrested a week ago.

It has been alleged that the prisoners were tortured.

Attorney General Abdel Meguid Mahmoud admitted that his department was investigating claims by detainees that they were tortured, but he refused to elaborate.

More than 300 of the about 400 journalists of the state-run newspaper Al Ahram signed petitions in the case. They asked for the release of their colleague, Mohammed Al Said Saeed, and two other journalists.

(See Page 7)



Separated

Dorothy Walker Bush Leblond, the only daughter of US President George Bush, has separated from her husband and is staying with her parents at their seaside estate, sources in Kennebunkport, Maine, said yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)

# EARLY ARRIVAL

# FASTER CHECK OUT

One of the several advantages of flying with me is getting to your destination faster: Air-India has its own exclusive Terminal at Bombay, so when you land in Bombay after a pleasurable nonstop flight, you can check out quickly, beat the rush of traffic and get home faster.

That's not all. You can take your connecting Air-India flights to other places in India, without ever leaving our terminal.

So the next time you're planning a trip to India, fly Air-India. We understand—and care about—your needs.

AIR-INDIA

## SPECTACULAR OFFER FROM RENAULT.



**RENAULT**

BUILD A BETTER CAR



Renault Showrooms:  
Shuwaikh - Airport Road - Tel: 4843988  
Kuwait - Arabian Gulf Street - Tel: 2423999

بوداى موتورز  
BOODAI MOTORS

Lenin, Stalin brains studied

## Making of a villain

MOSCOW, Aug 30, (UPI): A Soviet institute that studied the brains of Lenin and Stalin found no link between "cerebral structure and supreme ability or villainy," the official news agency Tass reported today.

"The research revealed the high organization and very large compensatory capabilities" of the brain of V.I. Lenin, founder of the Soviet Communist Party and state, Oleg Adrianov, director of the Moscow Brain Institute, wrote in the journal Science and Religion, Tass said.

"A grave disease did not prevent him from keeping up intense intellectual activity almost until his very death and writing his remarkable last articles."

Lenin died in 1924 after suffering two strokes.

Near the end of his life, Lenin wrote a criticism of Joseph Stalin and recommended that he be removed as general secretary of the party. The document was suppressed and Stalin succeeded him, imposing a brand of communism that was national and repressive.

Stalin made his dictatorship absolute by liquidating his opponents within the party, purges that reached a height in the 1930s.

Despite the disparate personalities of the two men, the study "has found no relationship between the cerebral structure and supreme ability or villainy," Adrianov wrote.

A new study of the collection of brains is planned with the aid of computer technology, Adrianov said.



Still smiling

Hotel queen Leona Helmsley smiles for photographers as she enters the Manhattan Federal Court House Tuesday in New York. The jury is still deliberating in her tax evasion trial. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Leona found guilty

NEW YORK, Aug 30, (AP): Billionaire hotelier Leona Helmsley was convicted today of tax evasion but acquitted of extortion conspiracy, ending a long trial that revealed the opulent but abrasive lifestyle of the New York socialite.

Mrs. Helmsley was found guilty of 33 of the 41 counts on which she faced. The counts on which she was convicted—charging personal expenses to her business—related to evading \$1.2 million in taxes from 1983 to 1985.

Helmsley occasionally shook her head as the jury foreman read off the verdict, but she showed little emotion.

Her co-defendants, former aides Frank Turco and Joseph Licari, were convicted of assisting in the tax-evasion scheme. Turco, who had been charged in the extortion conspiracy, also was acquitted on the charge.

All three also were acquitted on mail fraud charges.

Each of the 33 counts on which Helmsley was convicted carries a maximum prison term of three or five years. She could also face fines as high as \$5 million.

Her 80-year-old husband, Harry, who heads a multibillion-dollar real estate empire, was charged in the April 1988 indictment but was not tried because the judge found him mentally incompetent.

Helmsley, 69, was depicted at the trial as arrogant, penny-pinching and mean-spirited. Her former housekeeper testified that Helmsley once told her: "We don't pay taxes. Only the little people pay taxes."

Dripping diamonds and encased in designer gowns, Helmsley touts herself in advertisements nationwide as the "queen" of her hotel empire.



Worth a mint

Topless model Suzanne Mizzi leaves the Lloyd's building Tuesday in London after insuring her body for £10 million. Mizzi, who has just signed a £400,000 lingerie modelling contract decided that her face was worth £5 million, her legs worth £1 million, her chest worth £2 million and her arms worth £1 million. The rest of her body is valued at £1 million. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Exorcism proves fatal:** A Tahitian spiritual healer's attempts to exorcise a 53-year-old paralysed woman by jumping on her stomach have proved fatal.

Police said the spiritual healer—known as a Tahua believed the woman was possessed by a devil and tried to cure her by giving her massages with oil and jumping on her stomach to drive the demon out.

The woman died after long session by the healer on August 26, and her family complained about her treatment. (Reuter)

**Sand-bagging' custom:** Mothers in part of east China are being urged to abandon a local custom of keeping their babies in bags of sand, after scientists found it seriously damages intelligence, and official report said today.

Many mothers in Humin County, Shandong province, traditionally place their babies in a sandbag to stop them crying and free them for housework and farming, the New China News Agency quoted a study by educationalists as saying.

It cited the case of one 17-year-old youth who had been kept in such a bag and taken out only for feeding until the age of four. He was now seriously retarded because of the lack of early stimulation, the agency said. (Reuter)

**Dressing down:** Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson has a new problem to solve besides the British economy after earning himself a place among this year's "scruffy" list of worst dressed men.

The chancellor's balancing act with inflation and interest rates, trade figures and income tax is taking its toll on his wardrobe, according to top tailor here, "Mr Harry."

In his annual survey the tailor who is known only by the name of "Mr Harry" gave Lawson a dressing down for his "sloppy appearance." (KUNA)

**Severe opinion:** "Too much violence, too much sex and too much politics" was the severe opinion of French television viewers regarding the programmes broadcast on their six TV channels.

In a survey recently conducted by the CSA, the television watchdog body, a great majority of them, 77 per cent, said that the viewers' opinion has to be taken into account and that something has to be done to improve the poor quality of the programmes.

They noted that most of the films shown on television, on prime time, were far too violent, if not too erotic for parents and children to sit and watch together. (KUNA)

**Swindler indicted:** A federal grand jury has indicted a former Department of Housing and Urban Development accountant on charges he embezzled more than \$1 million intended for low-income housing projects.

Douglas R. Turner is accused of depositing into his private account money from a government programme that gives developers subsidies to build housing for low-income people. US attorney Mike Norton said at a news conference.

Colorado FBI chief Bob Pence said the Turner case, discovered during a routine HUD audit, "lifted the lid off what is beginning to look ... like a mess." (AP)

**Nursing bee stings:** Some Savannah Electric Co. workers and thunderbolt emergency personnel were nursing bee stings yesterday after running afoul of more than 10,000 of the insects.

The trouble began Monday shortly after 11 am when a rain-soaked oak tree toppled, knocking over a utility pole.

The old oak's hollow limbs had been home to more than 10,000 honey bees. With their home in splinters around them, the angry bees swarmed out and kept workers at bay for seven hours. (UPI)

**Secretly shipped:** The bodies of Circus King John Ringling and his wife Mable were secretly shipped to a Florida cemetery after lying in temporary crypts in New Jersey during a 50-year family squabble, a published report said.

The bodies lie in temporary receiving vaults at Restlawn Memorial Gardens in Port Charlotte, the Tampa Tribune reported in a copyright story Monday.

The circus impresario once intended that the Ringling museum of art complex in Sarasota would become his final burial site, although some relatives said he later changed his mind because he didn't want the public walking over his grave. Whether the couple will finally be buried at the museum depends on the outcome of the family feud. After 50 years, it is still going strong. (UPI)

**Storks arrive earlier:** The early arrival of thousands of migrating storks over the Mediterranean island of Cyprus heralds a hard winter in Europe, according to ornithologists.

The Cyprus News Agency said today the birds, on their annual migration to Africa, had left Europe at least two weeks earlier than normal.

Cyprus' Ornithological Society said the early arrival of the storks was connected with a sudden change of weather in Central Europe. (Reuter)

**Hollywood battles:** The movie capital of the world, which got rotten reviews from other Hollywoods across the nation when it tried to gain exclusive rights to the name they share, has come up with a new idea.

Tinseltown, as Hollywood, California also is known, had tried to register "Hollywood" as its trademark name.

## INTERNATIONAL

That's rich  
It's gold!

OSLO, Norway, Aug 30. (AP): Norwegian streets may not be paved with gold but one highway unwittingly was constructed right on top of \$1.4 million worth of the precious metal, reports said yesterday.

A regional highway department used gold ore as landfill while building a highway in the central Norway town of Grong, on July 14 when the blasting took place.

The suit, which seeks unspecified damages, said several men approached the car Ms. Barr was in and spoke with her. She allegedly paid them \$50, after which they began to beat the photographer, according to the suit.

Ms. Barr, who plays an earthy, sassy housewife in "Roseanne," had no comment on the lawsuit, said her publicist, Lisa Kastner.

No criminal charges were filed, but West Hollywood sheriff's deputies were investigating. (AP)

LONDON: Actress Stefanie Powers says she was scheduled to visit conservationist George Adamson two days before he was shot to death, but her trip was canceled due to bad weather.

Miss Powers said if her flight had been on schedule, "it's possible" could have been there when it happened.

"I am still mourning George," she told reporters at Heathrow Airport before flying to Los Angeles. (AP)

Miss Powers, best known for her role in the television series "Hart to Hart" is a keen conservationist and makes regular trips to Africa to work on behalf of endangered animals. The William Holden Wildlife Centre was founded by the actor who was her companion for nine years before he died in 1981.

Miss Powers also called for an international boycott of ivory. (AP)

NEENAH, Wisconsin: Comedian Bob Hope poked fun at men and promoted women's rights as he completed four days of performances that raised \$75,000 to \$100,000 to help build a library.

The 86-year-old comedian said during a final appearance last Saturday:

"A husband turned to his wife and said, 'how can you be so incredibly beautiful and so incredibly stupid at the same time.'

The wife reported, "It's God's will. He made me incredibly beautiful so that you may be attracted to me and he made me incredibly stupid so that I could be attracted to you."

(AP)

DETROIT: Actress Stefanie Powers

was found dead in her pickup truck almost one mile (1.6 kilometers) from a house that had been ransacked early Sunday, according to chief sheriff's deputy Bill Williams.

He said a passing oil field worker found Moore slumped in the vehicle, with the lights on and horn blasting.

Moore had a wound in his lower chest that appeared to have severed a major artery.

Williams said cocaine, syringes and other drug paraphernalia, along with goods stolen from the house, were found in the truck.

Investigators found blood on the porch of the burglarized house and a bloody hunting arrow and trails of blood inside, Williams said. (AP)

MONTRÉAL: Criticism of Casualties of War reflects the continuing American conflict over the Vietnam war, says director Brian de Palma rather than a fundamental problem with his film's portrayal of the war.

The film, starring Michael J. Fox and Sean Penn, depicts the rape and murder of a Vietnamese woman by American soldiers and is based on a 1969 report in the New Yorker magazine.

Veterans' organisations say the film promotes false stereotypes about American soldiers' conduct in the war. Other critics have characterised the movie as "gratuitously violent."

"I've got many letters from veterans who say the movie's completely accurate about the kind of things that went on there," De Palma told reporters Sunday at the world film festival. "So the thing was diabolical then and it's diabolical now."

"The wife reported, "It's God's will. He made me incredibly beautiful so that you may be attracted to me and he made me incredibly stupid so that I could be attracted to you."

(AP)

DETROIT, Aug 30. (UPI): A woman convicted of giving her 14-year-old daughter to a rapist in payment for a drug debt received a life prison sentence yesterday in a case prosecutors said demonstrates the "terrible power of sex-cocaine."

"The child is grateful her pain is finally over," Prosecutor Kelly Ramsey said after the sentencing. "She can begin rebuilding herself."

Susan Barber, 29, woke her 14-year-old daughter in the middle of the night in May 1988 and took her to the apartment of Anthony Sawyer, where the girl was raped.

After the attack, Barber and Sawyer allegedly went out together and took drugs.

Wayne County Circuit Judge James Rashid, sitting in Detroit Recorder's court, said he hoped Barber's life

prison term as an accomplice to first-degree criminal

sexual conduct will send a message about drug use.

Sawyer has been sentenced last week to 40 to 60 years in prison for his part in the attack.

Barber allegedly forced her daughter to lie about the circumstances of the attack and later would not allow the girl to talk to police about it. Three months after the rape the girl called her father, Michael Dade, and said she and her three sisters had not eaten nor seen their mother in four days.

After Dade picked the children up, the girl said she had lied about the rape. Sawyer and Barber were arrested in December.

Barber, who will be eligible for parole in 10 years, did not speak before she was sentenced, but asked for leniency in a letter to Rashid.

DETROIT, Aug 30. (UPI): Department of Agriculture scientists have developed an infrared device that takes the guesswork out of buying watermelons, cantaloupes and honeydews.

After 16 years of research, Gerald Dull, a USDA chemist in Athens, has unveiled a meter that measures the sugar content of individual melons.

Growers and consumers currently have to rely on appearance in judging ripeness and quality, Dull noted, but similar-looking

melons can vary from 5 per cent in sweetness.

"There's no one who can look at the outside and tell you whether that melon is good," he said.

The melon meter shines infrared light into the top of the fruit and then measures the amount of light that comes out the side. The computerised device determines the amount of soluble solids, based on the amount of light that is absorbed by the fruit.

Doyle Smittle, a horticulturist at the University of Georgia's Coastal Plain

experiment station, said ripeness is critical because melons can add a quarter of a pound of sugar in just a few days.

Melons need a sugar content of at least 9 per cent to taste good, and the best contain 12 per cent to 14 per cent sugar.

The melon meter is 85 per cent accurate in the laboratory, and the chemist is testing a portable version with hundreds of melons grown under Smittle's supervision near Tifton.

## Mom sentenced to life Girl raped for drug debt

### Chemist's new melon meter all sweetness and light

TIFTON, Georgia, Aug 30. (AP): Department of Agriculture scientists have developed an infrared device that takes the guesswork out of buying watermelons, cantaloupes and honeydews.

After 16 years of research, Gerald Dull, a

USDA chemist in Athens, has unveiled a

meter that measures the sugar content of

individual melons.

Growers and consumers currently have to

rely on appearance in judging ripeness and

quality, Dull noted, but similar-looking

melons can vary from 5 per cent in sweetness.

"There's no one who can look at the outside

and tell you whether that melon is good," he

said.

The melon meter shines infrared light into

the top of the fruit and then measures the

amount of light that comes out the side. The

computerised device determines the amount

of soluble solids, based on the amount of light

that is absorbed by the fruit.

Doyle Smittle, a horticulturist at the

University of Georgia's Coastal Plain

## Animal killings defended

MIAMI, Aug 30. (UPI): Lawyers for a Santeria church defended the ritual killing of goats, chickens and other animals during a federal discrimination trial, calling the blood sacrifices essential to the survival of the Afro-Caribbean religion.

"Without sacrifice, this church would cease to exist, because initiation of new leadership would come to a halt," said Mitchell Horwitz, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, which has been representing the church for free.

Lawyers for the Church of

Babu Babu Aye and the city of Hialeah summed up their arguments Monday following a 10-day trial before US District Judge Eugene Spellman. Spellman said he does not expect to rule until September or early October.

Church lawyers argued that a Hialeah ordinance banning animal sacrifice violates members' constitutional right to freely practice their religion. The City Council unanimously passed the ordinance in August 1987, shortly after the church opened.

The city argued that the ordinance is necessary to prevent animal cruelty, ensure public health and protect children from psychological harm.

Attorney Stuart Singer, representing the city, charged that the church's method of killing the animals, stabbing them in the neck, is "inhumane, cruel and even unnecessary."

Children can suffer psychologically by watching.

"Children must be protected, even if the protection conflicts with religious dogma," Singer said.

## Bakker looks for salvation

### PTL trial continues

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina, Aug 30. (AP): Jim Bakker's former personal aide testified yesterday the PTL founder felt he lived "shabbily" — yet moved his belongings to a pool heated to 90 degrees.

Prosecutors say Bakker and other executives at PTL diverted their own benefit at least \$4 million of the \$1.58 million they raised by selling \$1,000 lifetime partnerships at the ministry's resort hotel in Fort Mill, South Carolina.

David Taggart, Bakker's first witness called when Bakker's trial opened on Monday, also said the board of the evangelical empire in 1985 approved borrowing \$800,000 for operating expenses while voting Bakker a \$200,000 bonus.

On cross-examination by the defence, Taggart testified Bakker had repeatedly objected to bonuses and raises approved by the board but always took the money.

If convicted of all 24 counts of fraud and conspiracy, Bakker could be sentenced to 120 years in prison and fined \$5 million.

Bakker quit PTL in 1987 amid revelations about his 1980 sexual encounter with church secretary Jessica Hahn and a \$265,000 payoff for her silence.

Defense Attorney George T. Davis said the Hahn payment was made without Bakker's knowledge, but Taggart said Bakker personally approved it.

Witness Hahn is not on the list of Bakker's clothing and other belongings from Tega Cay to a house they owned in Palm Springs, California, in 1984.

## COMETCO

### REQUIRE SALES EXECUTIVES

with minimum three (3) years' experience in marketing sanitary & plumbing materials, with car & driving license and a transferable visa. Attractive salary plus commission and other facilities.

Please write with biodata and a photograph to:

P.O. Box. 20120, Safat, 13062, Kuwait

## NATIONAL THE MODERN TOUCH!!!

NEW  
L250

PROGRAMMING SHEET



National video, the developed video that works through digital researcher connected to control unit. Having high quality picture. In addition to slow motion and fixing the picture. You can watch the film in reversed with wonderful other advantages. This device achieves what you look for at future through one touch.

NEW  
L150

PROGRAMMING SHEET

Sample for National video devices with high specifications through digital researcher connected with the control unit. There is high possibility for programming and slow motion show by using half normal speed and reverse watching for the film and with high quality. In addition to using it very simply.

EASA HUSSAIN AL YOUSIFI

General agent:

National  
Technics



## OMAN EXCHANGE COMPANY LTD.

P.O. BOX NO. 26057 SAFAT KUWAIT. TELE NO.: 2425650-2425651-2434490,

TELEX: 44646-44344, FAX NO.: 2426703

We have the pleasure of announcing that our new branch at Fahd Al Salem Street in the heart of Kuwait City will start functioning from Saturday - 2nd September, 1989.

### ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

BURGAN BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR SHOP 12  
OPP. SOUK AL WATYA, BEHIND SHERATON HOTEL,  
CLOSE TO HOT POT RESTAURANT, FAHD AL  
SALEM STREET, KUWAIT CITY.

PHONE: 2426419

We invite all our valued clients to avail of our excellent computerised services at our Fahd Al Salem Street branch for remittances to your home town or any part of the world — by demand drafts/telex transfers, travellers cheques in Indian rupees and US dollars — also available for payment of customs duty and duty free shops at airports.

### SRI LANKA:

We have unique and special arrangements in Sri Lanka with Bank of Ceylon, Bank of Oman, Colombo in Sri Lankan rupees and US dollars by telex transfer and bank draft. Travellers cheques available for customs duty and duty free shop at Colombo Airport.

### PHILIPPINES:

We have direct swift arrangements with leading banks in Philippine bank to bank by telex transfer. Telex charges KD2/- Draft commission 400 fils.

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK  
BANK OF PHILIPPINE ISLAND

### INDIA:

We transfer funds by telex and drafts through the following leading banks:

1. CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA
2. INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK
3. BANK OF OMAN BOMBAY
4. STATE BANK OF TRAVANCORE
5. SOUTH INDIAN BANKS

### BANGLADESH:

Arrangements with Sonali Bank, Janata Bank, Agrani Bank, Arab Bangladesh Bank by telex transfer and bank drafts. Bangladesh government investment scheme wage earner's bonds are also available with us.

### HEAD OFFICE

#### MURGHAB BRANCH

Hilal St. Opp. Safat Post Office,  
near Murghab bus stand  
Phone: 2425650-2425651-  
2434490-2403215

#### FAHAHEEL BRANCH

Makkah Street Branch, Fahheel  
Phone: 3920571-3920575

#### ABBASIA JEEB SHUYOUKH BRANCH

Souk Al Shuyoukh Commercial  
Complex, Mez. Floor, near Co-  
operative Society, Jeeb Al  
Shuyoukh, Abbasia Branch  
Phone: 4310538

#### JAHRA BRANCH

&lt;p

# Medellin cartel chief offers deal

Three more judges resign in Colombia



Yitzhak Shoshani, a retired Israeli Army lieutenant-colonel, enters the police station Tuesday in Tivya, Israel for questioning about his role as a middleman in deals between Israeli defence experts and Colombian groups.



De Greiff says she will stay on the job during a press conference Tuesday in Washington. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Dealers of death deserve death: Menem

Buenos Aires, Aug 30, (UPI): President Carlos Menem said yesterday that "20 or 30" drug dealers should be executed to curb the illicit cocaine trade because "those who traffic in death deserve the death penalty."

He said he would analyze the drug problem with President Bush when he travels to the United States in late September.

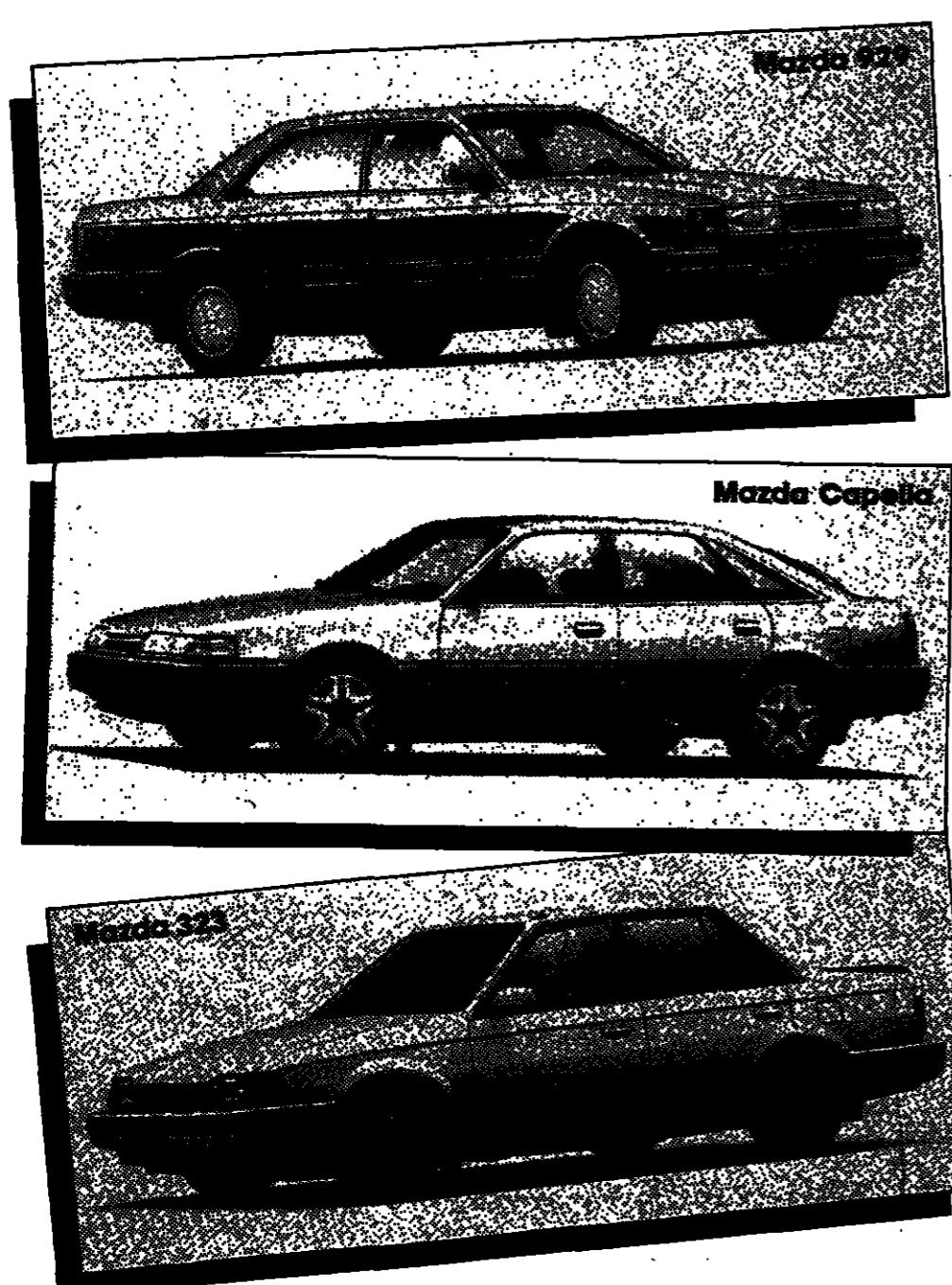
"The law and government have to be very severe," Menem said in an interview with Radio Belgrano. "I

believe that if we apply the death penalty to 20 or 30 of these evil persons (drug dealers), we are going to advance."

"What are we waiting for to put a definitive end to this situation?" Menem asked rhetorically.

"Colombia realised what was happening. It declared a war, mobilised its troops and security forces. I won't say it happened too late, but they (the Colombians) let things go too far. Now things have reached a magnitude that we can talk of a kind of civil war," he said.

## MAZDA and Summer



- Credit facilities for 18 months at the same cash price.
- Highest price for your used car in trade-in facility.
- Warranty for two years or 40,000 km.

**mazda**



Kuwait Automotive Imports Co. W.L.L.

Shaya & Sagar

Main Showroom Tel: 2421276. Al Rai Showroom Tel: 4717572-3

Al Ahmadi Showroom Tel: 3988125

BOGOTA, Colombia, Aug 30, (Agencies): Three more Colombian judges have resigned, but the rest of the country's 4,500 magistrates stayed on the job today despite death threats by drug traffickers.

The resignations brought to 108 the number of judges who have quit since the drug traffickers declared war on the government, judges, journalists and others regarded as a threat to their multi-billion-dollar operations.

Each of three judges in Medellin, the drug cartel's base, had been investigating murders believed to have been ordered by drug traffickers.

The drug traffickers have said in a communiqué that they will kill 10 judges for every Colombian extradited to the United States to stand trial on drug charges.

The three judges resigned yesterday as Eduardo Martinez Romero, the reputed finance chief for Colombia's most powerful cocaine cartel, was told by local authorities that they plan to extradite him to the United States for trial.

Meanwhile, a French newspaper reported today that the reputed leader of the Medellin drug cartel had offered a deal in which drug traffickers would call off their war against the government in exchange for amnesty and a peaceful return to society.

Police in Medellin also said they foiled an attempt to fire a rocket at the distillery of a state-owned liquor company that has been the target of drug traffickers' attacks.

Martinez was arrested in the first days of the country's unprecedented offensive against the drug trade, launched Aug 18 after cartel-hired gunmen assassinated a popular presidential candidate, Luis Carlos Galan.

The 35-year-old Martinez is wanted in the United States in connection with a \$1.2 billion operation to launder, or hide, the source of profits from cocaine trafficking. He is being held under heavy guard by the national police force's investigations division.

The syndicated TV news programme Noticiero 24 Horas reported last night that government authorities notified Martinez of their plans to extradite him to the United States. He was told he had until next Tuesday to appeal through his lawyers.

There was no official confirmation of the television report, which did not specify a source.

At least three other suspected drug traffickers who could be extradited have been caught in the government's crackdown.

A spokesman at the presidential palace said he could not give any information, and the US embassy refuses to comment on extradition proceedings.

Pablo Escobar Gaviria, reputed leader of the Medellin cartel, said Colombia's drug lords are prepared for total war if the government refuses to make peace, according to the French newspaper Liberation.

He proposed ending the violence in comments over the weekend to a government agent, said the Paris daily, which did not say how it obtained excerpts of the purported conversation.

But Colombian Justice Minister Monica de Greiff, whose life has been threatened by the drug barons, said in Washington yesterday that the government would not negotiate.

Mrs De Greiff laid to rest reports that she had resigned because of death threats by the country's wealthy and violent drug lords.

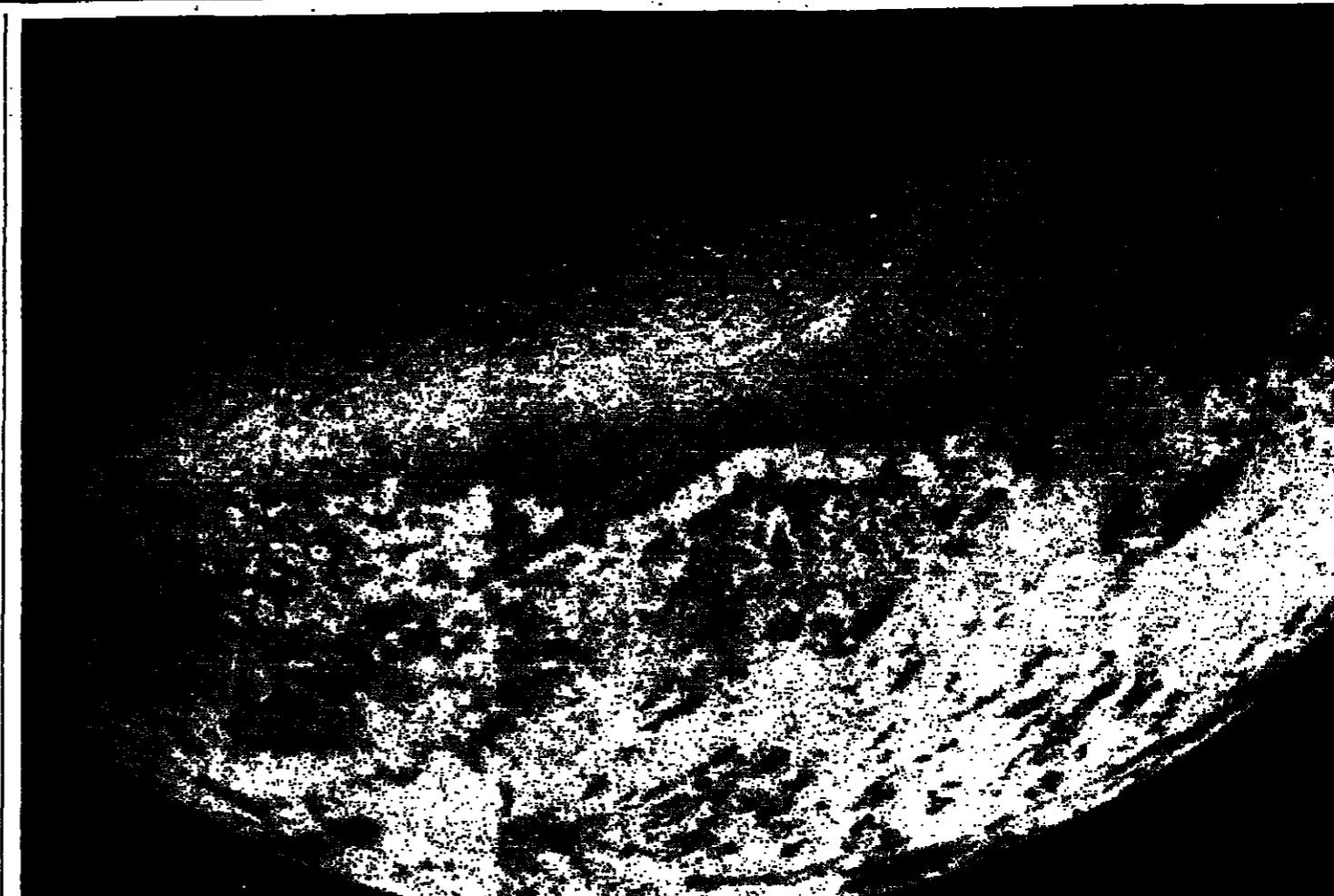
Mrs De Greiff said she told Attorney-General Richard Thornburgh that Colombia needed additional aid to buy armoured cars, metal detectors and other security devices to protect judges from assassinations by hitmen hired by the drug cartel.

The Bush administration has promised \$5 million over two years for training programmes to enhance police protection of judges.

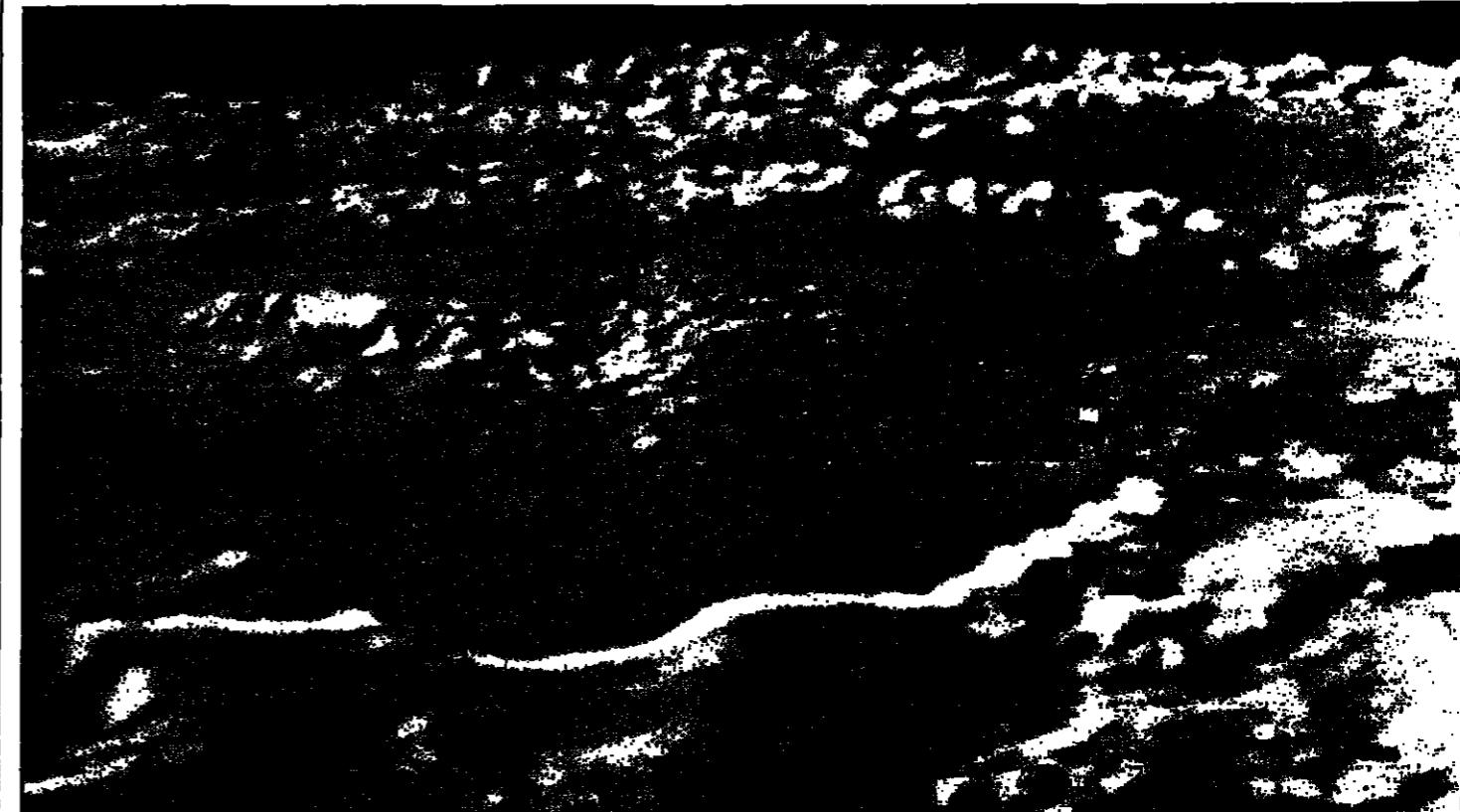
The Colombian government is investigating the possible role of foreigners in the slaying of a leading presidential candidate whose death unleashed a government attack on the country's cocaine lords, according to a senior official.

General Miguel Maza Marquez, head of the Department of Administrative Security, said yesterday, "we are investigating the possible participation of foreigners" in the killing of Senator Luis Carlos Galan on August 18.

The department said last week Israeli, British and US mercenaries trained hit squads linked to the drug cartels.



Voyager 2 obtained this image of Triton during its close flyby on Aug 25. Approximately a dozen individual images were combined to produce this comprehensive view of Neptune's largest satellite. The large south polar cap is at the bottom of the photo. (Reuter wirephoto)



This is a computer-generated perspective rendering of one of the caldera-like depressions on Triton as it would appear viewed from the northeast. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Legacy of wonders

### Voyager speeds into the void

PASADENA, California, Aug 30, (Agencies): Far in the cold darkness beyond Neptune, a lonely Voyager speeds into the void, our solar system in its wake as it leaves a legacy that may aid the survival of its home planet, a garden island in a sea of space.

What wonders Voyager 2 witnessed as the one-ton spacecraft cruised the solar system, traversing an arc-shaped 4.5-billion-mile (7.2-billion-kilometre) path in 12 years as it trekked past four planets and at least 56 moons:

■ In 1979, Jupiter and its moon IO, a hellish satellite of sulfur-spewing volcanoes.

■ Saturn and its graceful rings in 1981.

■ Five years later, Uranus knocked on its side by some incomprehensible collision.

■ And today, the probe is 5 million miles (8 million kilometres) past deep blue Neptune, with its frozen volcanic moon Triton, once flooded by seas of icy lava.

Such marvels, such sights never before seen by human eyes, were returned to Earth in 81,000 photographs captured by television cameras aboard Voyager 2 and its twin, Voyager 1, which explored Jupiter and Saturn before hurtling toward the stars.

And what, one may ask, did these Voyagers, these piles of 1960s electronics, do for their human masters, for the US taxpayers who paid the \$865 million to propel them to the outer planets?

"The immediate benefits of Voyager's pictures of Neptune and Triton and their wealth of scientific information is to stimulate our intellects and to nourish our souls," said Bruce Murray, president of the planetary society and former director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

"But surely over the coming generations those arcane sights will become relevant to our destiny on Earth, just as earlier arcane facts from Venus and Mars are now considered vital to our destiny," he contended.

Cornell University astronomer Carl Sagan added: "If you want to understand Earth, go look at other worlds."

From Mariner and the space probe Pioneer, scientists studied how Venus' thick clouds trap solar heat, warming the planet to 900 degrees in a runaway "greenhouse effect."

It helped alert scientists to how industrial air pollutants threaten to warm Earth, which some scientists contend could lead to flooding of coastal areas and trigger droughts and starvation.

Sherwood Rowland and Mario Molina first warned of depletion of Earth's ozone layer after using chemical formulas devised to help NASA understand Venus' atmosphere, Sagan said.

Sagan and other planetary scientists developed the theory that smoke from nuclear war could plunge Earth into a dark, cold nuclear winter and cause mass starvation of those who survived the exchange of warheads.

"The idea ultimately evolved from our attempt to understand the great Martin dust storm of 1971-72," which was detected by Mariner 9 and chilled Mars' already cold surface, Sagan said.

"The lesson we're learning is that the complexity of the universe is something you'll never imagine without looking at it," US Geological Survey Geologist Laurence Soderblom said yesterday at a news briefing on Voyager 2.

As it surveyed Neptune, Voyager discovered six moons in addition to Nereid and Triton, which were first detected from Earth. It discovered three thin rings of debris and two broad rings orbiting the planet. It found at least six moonlets hidden in one ring.

Voyager detected in Neptune's bluish atmosphere an Earth-size swirling storm called the Great Dark Spot, 720 miles (1,158 kilometres) across that once produced ocean-size floods of ice flowing like lava, and volcanoes that may be active today, ejecting nitrogen ice 25 miles (40 kilometres) high at speeds of 560 miles (900 kilometres) per hour.

Scientists presented new findings yesterday showing Neptune's weak, tilted magnetic field doesn't go through the centre of planet but is offset about four-tenths of the way toward the surface.

## Atlantis rolled out for Oct launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla., Aug 30, (Reuter): The US space shuttle Atlantis rolled onto the launch pad five days ahead of schedule yesterday to be prepared for a flight in October that will send the nuclear-powered Galileo probe to Jupiter.

About six hours after liftoff on Oct 12, the five-man shuttle crew will send Galileo on a circuitous 2.4 million-mile route that will take it to Jupiter in 1995.

The probe will send pictures and scientific information of Jupiter and its moons back to Earth.

Anti-nuclear protest groups, citing the 1986 Challenger disaster, have threatened to seek a court order blocking the launch for fear an accident could contaminate Florida's coastline and "turn Disney World into plutonium world," in the words of one protester.

So far they have remained unconvinced of the US space agency's statements that the lead enclosures housing two generators containing plutonium are strong enough to withstand a blast more powerful than the one that destroyed Challenger.

"If people really understood what we are doing here, the significance of it, the risks we are taking and the precautions we are putting into place, there really should be no concern," said Conrad Nagel, who supervises shuttle preparations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

An Italian satellite launched to collect data on the stars has failed to reach orbit.

## Foreigners might have had a hand in Galan's assassination: Colombia

BOGOTA, Aug 30, (Reuter): The Colombian government is investigating the possible role of foreigners in the slaying of a leading presidential candidate whose death unleashed a government attack on the country's cocaine lords, according to a senior official.

The father of three reputed Medellin cartel drug leaders yesterday proposed talks with President Virgilio Barco to end the war between traffickers and the government.

A member of Barco's cabinet immediately rejected negotiations and the Justice Ministry said it had begun extradition to the United States of the most important suspect arrested in the government offensive.

The slaying of Galan provoked Barco to declare war against the country's powerful drug lords. The cartels responded by threatening to kill judges, journalists, labour leaders, politicians and police.

Yesterday, however, the drug lords appeared to hold out an olive branch in the form of an open letter to President Barco from Fabio Ochoa Vasquez, whose three sons—Jorge Luis, Fabio Jr and Juan David—are on the US list of 12 most wanted "Colombian drug chiefs."

He said the government had effectively set itself up in opposition to more than half the Colombian people and that only negotiations could end the country's spiral of violence.

In an apparent response to Ochoa's letter, Colombian Justice Minister Monica De Greiff told a news conference in Washington that her government was in no mood to enter into peace negotiations.

■ Israel Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, commenting on charges that Israelis trained hit squads for Colombian drug barons, said today Israeli security firms had operated in the country illegally.

Israeli police questioned an army reserve colonel for more than four hours yesterday in a probe of possible Israeli links to a Colombian drug cartel.

■ Israel's television reported that a military training company, Hod Hahabit (Spearhead), had been warned repeatedly by Israel that its activities were illegal.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Crash kills 14

BANGKOK, Aug. 30 (AP): A bus exploded yesterday, killing 14 people and injuring 20 others in southwest Thailand, police said today.

Highway Police Capt. Daechai Pramwan said the bus was overtaking another bus when it collided with the truck last night near Chai-am City in Thailand's Phetchaburi Province, about 105 kilometers (65 miles) southwest of Bangkok.

All the passengers were Thai nationals, Daechai said.

## Officer replaced

MANILA, Philippines, Aug. 30 (AP): A Philippine constabulary officer was relieved of his command two weeks after leading an assault to free hostages held by jail inmates in which 21 people were killed, the military announced today.

Capt. Pobito Gido was replaced by his deputy as commander of the 41st PC Company in Davao city, where inmates held a female Australian missionary and 15 other people hostage for three days before soldiers stormed the prison, a military official said.

At 16 prisoners and five of their hostages, including Australian Missionary Jacqueline Hamill, were killed before troops regained control of the jail, 970 kilometers (610 miles) southeast of Manila.

## Casualties few

BANGKOK, Thailand, Aug. 30 (AP): So far, students were killed during last year's pro-democracy示威 in Burma as to be "not even worth mentioning," the country's health and education minister said.

"Students must see the truth behind last year's incidents," Dr. Pe Thein said in an address to a meeting in Rangoon yesterday of scholars just returned from education overseas.

Diplomats, dissidents and international human rights agencies estimate several thousand people were killed in a series of army clampdowns on student-led unrest between March and September last year.

"It doesn't mean to say that there were no casualties, only that there were few casualties, of which students constitute so small a number as to be not worth mentioning," Pe Thein said.

## Rancher freed

MAASIN, Philippines, Aug. 30 (Reuters): Hungry communist rebels kidnapped a Philippine ranch manager but freed him in exchange for two cows, the military said today.

Lieutenant-Colonel Jose Laiwan said 12 rebels seized Benjamin Esperio from his home in the southern Philippine town of Maasin on Monday.

They released him unharmed yesterday in return for two cows they stole.

## Cabinet reshuffled

KATHMANDU, Nepal, Aug. 30 (AP): The ministers of Industry and of Works and Transport were dropped from the 33-member cabinet in a reshuffle today, the royal palace announced.

The announcement gave no reason for the dropping of Deepak Vohra, minister of works and transport, and Rabindra Nath Sharma, minister of industry. It said King Birendra had made the cabinet changes on the recommendation of Prime Minister March Man Singh Shrestha.

## Lawsuit filed

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Aug. 30 (AP): Guinea-Bissau has filed suit in the World Court against African neighbour Senegal in a dispute over oil-rich undersea territory, a court spokesman confirmed yesterday.

In its application to open proceedings, filed Aug. 23, the Guinean government asked the court to render "null and void" a recent decision by an independent panel of arbitrators that the maritime boundary between the two nations should remain unchanged.

At issue is part of the Continental Shelf off the West African coast, where Senegal discovered oil in the early 1980s.

## Burnings stopped

CACHOEIRA PAULISTA, Brazil, Aug. 30 (Reuters): The burning season is at its peak in the Amazon basin but unseasonal rains have prevented parts of the forest from going up in smoke this year, the top official of Brazil's Space Studies Institute (INPE) said yesterday.

"If it keeps raining, there may be no more burning this year," Alberto Setzer, director of INPE's Amazon programme, told a press conference at the institute's satellite station in Cachoeira Paulista.

The burning season in the Brazilian Amazon usually runs between July and October when the rains subside, allowing big cattle ranchers and small farmers to burn already cleared forest of weeds or to burn virgin forest to extend farmland.

## Minister quitting

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Aug. 30 (AP): Defence Minister Bob Tizard has announced he is quitting politics to wed a wartime sweetheart he met 45 years ago in Canada.

Izard, 65, said he would resign after the next national election, which is scheduled one year from now. He decided to quit on Monday but his reasons for doing so were not known until today.

## Air search resumes for missing Pakistani plane

OVER THE HIMALAYAS, Pakistan, Aug. 30 (AP): The largest search in Pakistan's history took to the skies again today as aircraft cross-crossed the Himalayas looking for a plane missing since last week with 54 people.

Helicopters and fixed-wing craft, both civilian and military, scoured 200 square miles (520 square kilometers) of the rugged, snow-capped mountains but found no trace of the twin-engine Pakistan International Airlines Fokker 27福克.

On the ground, Pakistan Army and civilian trackers combed the valleys.

The plane disappeared last Friday on a 45-min-

## Chances of Filipino base accord damaged

MANILA, Aug. 30, (AP): Filipino calls to close US military bases in two years complicate chances for extending them and may force a reduction in America's defense commitment to the Philippines, a US congressman said today.

Representative John Murtha was referring to a resolution signed last Thursday by 12 of the 23 Filipino senators calling for the bases to be closed when their lease expires in 1991.

"We hope we can keep the rhetoric down, and

negotiate on the basis of what's good for the United States and what's good for the Philippines," the Pennsylvania Democrat told the American Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines.

US and Filipino officials are expected to begin talks later this year on extending the bases. But the agreement must be approved by two-thirds of the Philippine Senate.

The resolution shows President Corazon Aquino's administration lacks votes for ratifica-

tion. Senate President Jovito Salonga urged Mrs Aquino to notify Washington as soon as possible that the bases will be closed to allow time "to prepare for the termination date."

"Obviously, it can't be ratified if they stick to what they say," Murtha told reporters.

Murtha said he believes the bases are vital to the defense of the Far East and contribute economically to the Philippines. About 70,000 Filipinos work at

the six installations, including Clark Air Base and the Subic Bay Naval Base.

The facilities pay more than \$96 million in local salaries annually. The bases agreement also commits the United States to defend the Philippines against foreign aggression.

Although the bases play no role in the domestic communist and Muslim insurrections, the United States is also the main supplier of the Philippine military.

## Roh's grip on party firmed

SEOUL, Aug. 30, (UPI): President Roh Tae-Woo reshuffled the leadership of his ruling Democratic Justice Party today to forestall factional strife and tightened his control over the party.

Roh, supreme leader of the party, retained Park Jyun-Kyu as chairman of the party executive committee but replaced the party's secretary-general, the head of its central committee and its floor leader, an official announcement said.

Appointed as new secretary-general replacing Lee Jong-Chan was Lee Chun-Goo, 55, a former home minister and currently a lawmaker. Lee Han-Dong, 55, another one-time home minister, was named floor leader succeeding Kim Yoon-Wan.

Ordered to become central committee chairman replacing Lim Bang-Hyun was Nam Jas-Hee, 55, a former journalist who has been elected to the National Assembly three times.

Party policy committee chairman Lee Seung-Yun and party spokesman Park Hee-Tae were retained. Lim Bang-Hyun was designated advisor to the party president.

Park Jyun-Kyu said President Roh told the party following the reshuffle that the new lineup must strive to build up a new image of the party befitting the democratic progress the nation is marking.

"There can be diverse voices within the party but there should not be factional strife if it hopes to give the people a sense of stability and win popular trust," Roh was quoted as saying. This shakeup must serve to wipe out factions in the party.

Lee also has proposed that "intra-party democracy" be achieved by filling key party posts through free competition among candidates rather than by appointment.

## China told to stop secret executions

## Massacre: Amnesty

LONDON, Aug. 30, (Agencies): Amnesty International called today for the Chinese government to "stop using judicial killing as a political tool" in the wake of the brutal suppression of Beijing's pro-democracy protests last June.

In a damning 48-page preliminary report on the massacres and their aftermath, Amnesty also reported that beatings, torture and humiliation of recent detainees by security forces were commonplace, sometimes resulting in death of prisoners.

At least 1,300 people, mostly unarmed civilians, were killed by the security forces who used tanks and automatic weapons to crush the two-month-old protests in Tiananmen Square, Amnesty said in the report, its second report on the massacres this summer.

The London-based human rights organization said there was strong evidence that the Chinese authorities subsequently made a deliberate decision to carry out secret executions and to publicize certain death sentences in order to intimidate political opposition.

Amnesty telephoned a message to Chinese Prime Minister Li Peng citing reports it had received about a June 1989 directive approved by the Communist Party's central committee regarding publicity of executions. The directive said that "counter-revolutionaries" who had committed the "most serious crimes" were to be executed, Amnesty said.

The officials said the man will be deported.

They said it would be hard to distinguish Chinese from Vietnamese refugees because all of the boat people fled their countries without travel documents, such as passports, to establish their identity.

Kyodo News Service, quoting unnamed Foreign Ministry sources, said nearly half of more than 2,000 boat people who have landed in Japan this year have been job-hunting Chinese.

They said leaders of refugee groups told investigators boat people switch to larger vessels at the port so that Chinese can join them on the journey to Japan.

Keiji Yonezawa, councillor at the Justice Ministry's Immigration Bureau, told reporters boat people who have arrived in Japan this year should be called "ship people" because they navigate in relatively large, Chinese-made vessels loaded with plenty of food and water supplies.

Maritime officials said another shipload of 180 boat people arrived in Kumamoto on the southernmost main island of Kyushu aboard a 50-ton wooden ship yesterday morning, and 35 of them fled into nearby mountains.

Of the total, 16 were later arrested or returned to the ship voluntarily and police were searching for the remaining 19.

The officials said another group of 102 boat people, including 73 men and 29 women, was scheduled to arrive in Kagoshima port on the southern tip of Kyushu later today.

In Hong Kong, three Vietnamese boat people living in conditions described as "equally" on a remote Hong Kong island have contracted cholera and a fourth suspected case is under observation, a government doctor said.

Officials and international relief agencies have for months been fearing an outbreak of disease as thousands of Vietnamese boat people continue to flow into the colony, jamming into already overcrowded refugee camps.

There are now some 55,300 boat people refugees in Hong Kong, more than 30,000 of whom arrived this year.

During meetings on Monday night and yesterday, however, French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas realized "it was too early to arrive at a compromise, but it was not too early to begin working on it," the ministry said.

Hu Sen and the three rebel factions led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk appeared to be digging in rather than softening their positions on the key disputes between them.

No precise time was set for the plenary session, which was expected to begin as soon as agreement was reached on the wording of the statement.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Jean Gueguen said yesterday the delegates were leaning toward proposing that the conference be reconvened "in Paris in some months, perhaps in the spring, when it appears that the

conditions are present for the conference to have a chance of success."

But when the conference was convened in Paris in late July, diplomats said it was urgent that they work out an agreement for a coalition government in Cambodia before Vietnam begins its announced troop withdrawal Sept. 27.

Many observers have expressed fear that Cambodia's civil war will escalate once Vietnam withdraws if there is no power-sharing agreement in place among the Vietnam-installed government of Hun Sen and the three rebel factions.

During meetings on Monday night and yesterday, however, French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas realized "it was too early to arrive at a compromise, but it was not too early to begin working on it," the ministry said.

Hu Sen and the three rebel factions led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk appeared to be digging in rather than softening their positions on the key disputes between them.

No precise time was set for the plenary session, which was expected to begin as soon as agreement was reached on the wording of the statement.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Jean Gueguen said yesterday the delegates were leaning toward proposing that the conference be reconvened "in Paris in some months, perhaps in the spring, when it appears that the

conditions are present for the conference to have a chance of success."

But when the conference was convened in Paris in late July, diplomats said it was urgent that they work out an agreement for a coalition government in Cambodia before Vietnam begins its announced troop withdrawal Sept. 27.

Many observers have expressed fear that Cambodia's civil war will escalate once Vietnam withdraws if there is no power-sharing agreement in place among the Vietnam-installed government of Hun Sen and the three rebel factions.

During meetings on Monday night and yesterday, however, French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas realized "it was too early to arrive at a compromise, but it was not too early to begin working on it," the ministry said.

Hu Sen and the three rebel factions led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk appeared to be digging in rather than softening their positions on the key disputes between them.

No precise time was set for the plenary session, which was expected to begin as soon as agreement was reached on the wording of the statement.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Jean Gueguen said yesterday the delegates were leaning toward proposing that the conference be reconvened "in Paris in some months, perhaps in the spring, when it appears that the

conditions are present for the conference to have a chance of success."

But when the conference was convened in Paris in late July, diplomats said it was urgent that they work out an agreement for a coalition government in Cambodia before Vietnam begins its announced troop withdrawal Sept. 27.

Many observers have expressed fear that Cambodia's civil war will escalate once Vietnam withdraws if there is no power-sharing agreement in place among the Vietnam-installed government of Hun Sen and the three rebel factions.

During meetings on Monday night and yesterday, however, French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas realized "it was too early to arrive at a compromise, but it was not too early to begin working on it," the ministry said.

Hu Sen and the three rebel factions led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk appeared to be digging in rather than softening their positions on the key disputes between them.

No precise time was set for the plenary session, which was expected to begin as soon as agreement was reached on the wording of the statement.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Jean Gueguen said yesterday the delegates were leaning toward proposing that the conference be reconvened "in Paris in some months, perhaps in the spring, when it appears that the

conditions are present for the conference to have a chance of success."

But when the conference was convened in Paris in late July, diplomats said it was urgent that they work out an agreement for a coalition government in Cambodia before Vietnam begins its announced troop withdrawal Sept. 27.

Many observers have expressed fear that Cambodia's civil war will escalate once Vietnam withdraws if there is no power-sharing agreement in place among the Vietnam-installed government of Hun Sen and the three rebel factions.

During meetings on Monday night and yesterday, however, French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas realized "it was too early to arrive at a compromise, but it was not too early to begin working on it," the ministry said.

Hu Sen and the three rebel factions led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk appeared to be digging in rather than softening their positions on the key disputes between them.

No precise time was set for the plenary session, which was expected to begin as soon as agreement was reached on the wording of the statement.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Jean Gueguen said yesterday the delegates were leaning toward proposing that the conference be reconvened "in Paris in some months, perhaps in the spring, when it appears that the

conditions are present for the conference to have a chance of success."

But when the conference was convened in Paris in late July, diplomats said it was urgent that they work out an agreement for a coalition government in Cambodia before Vietnam begins its announced troop withdrawal Sept. 27.

Many observers have expressed fear that Cambodia's civil war will escalate once Vietnam withdraws if there is no power-sharing agreement in place among the Vietnam-installed government of Hun Sen and the three rebel factions.

During meetings on Monday night and yesterday, however, French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas realized "it was too early to arrive at a compromise, but it was not too early to begin working on it," the ministry said.

Hu Sen and the three rebel factions led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk appeared to be digging in rather than softening their positions on the key disputes between them.

No precise time was set for the plenary session, which was expected to begin as soon as agreement was reached on the wording of the statement.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Jean Gueguen said yesterday the delegates were leaning toward proposing that the conference be reconvened "in Paris in some months, perhaps in the spring, when it appears that the

conditions are present for the conference to have a chance of success."</p

## Walesa appeals West for aid

WARSAW, Aug. 30. (Reuters): Reforms would be set back throughout Eastern Europe if the West failed to give Poland's Solidarity-led government economic assistance, Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said today.

In his strongest appeal for aid since his trusted adviser, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, became Prime Minister last Thursday, Walesa begged the West not to be "conceited" or to abandon Poland.

"Poland may fall apart like a house of cards if we are not helped by people from the West," Walesa told reporters in the northern city of Odansk.

"Solidarity is leading change in the (communist) system. If we fail, others' chances of reforms will be reduced," he said.

Mazowiecki is trying to form the first government dominated by non-communists in Eastern Europe in more than 40 years. It is the first fundamental break in communist rule installed in the area by Soviet dictator Josef Stalin after World War Two.

Mazowiecki has put off naming his cabinet because he has not settled details with his coalition partners. The communists are holding out for more than the two ministries they have been offered — defence and the interior.

Solidarity's top policy-maker, Bronislaw Geremek, today ruled out communist control of the Foreign Ministry and media, two key posts in a power struggle.

But Geremek told Solidarity's newspaper *Gazeta Wyborcza* that the communists should have one economic ministry in addition to the two portfolios they have been guaranteed.

Mazowiecki has three months to form a government, but Walesa has said he has only six months to a year to prove he can deal with runaway inflation and a \$39-billion debt before the public runs out of patience.

"Poles are too poor to buy out companies from the state. We need businessmen from the West to help us," Walesa said in the city where Solidarity arose from nationwide strikes in 1980.

"If our friends, Europe and the world, do not extend their hands with co-operation, we will lose what we have achieved," Walesa said.

"We will be set back for 20 or 30 years. But we will be able to openly accuse the West of not meeting Polish needs half way, while Poles did everything they could."

## Stolen data led to murder

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Aug. 30. (AP): Protestant gunmen claim that documents stolen from Northern Ireland's police department led to the murder of a Roman Catholic man, British Broadcasting Corp. television reported.

A top British official in Northern Ireland said today that any members of the security forces involved in such a leak would be subject to prosecution. However, he suggested the claim by the gunmen was intended to discredit police.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary, the police force of the British province, said it was investigating.

The government of Ireland, which has a consultative role in affairs in the province, said it was seeking an urgent clarification from the British government.

BBC reporter Chris Moore reported yesterday that he had met four masked men last weekend and had been taken to a house where he was shown documents and a videotape about alleged members of the Irish Republican Army.

Among those named in the materials was Loughlin Maginn, 28, who was shot to death in his home in Rathfriland on Friday.

# Moldavians likely to compromise on language

MOSCOW, Aug. 30. (AP): Moldavia's Communist Party chief, seeking to calm flaring ethnic tensions, today proposed a weaker version of a law making Moldavian the republic's official language, an activist said.

The compromise, which reportedly resulted from a last night telephone conversation between the party chief

and President Mikhail Gorbachev, is aimed at stopping widespread strikes and other protests in the republic.

The law that was initially proposed would substitute Moldavian for Russian in virtually all government and business transactions in the republic. Russians and other minorities in the republic said that was discriminatory.

The proposed compromise, outlined to the Moldavian Supreme Soviet by Moldavian Communist Party chief Semen Grossu, would make Moldavian the language for government officials and documents, and Russian the tongue for everyday contact among the republic's ethnic groups.

The compromise was reported by

Vasili Nestase, a leader of the pre-Moldavian People's Front who spoke by telephone from the republic's capital, Kishinev.

Moldavia, which borders Romania, now has no law specifying which language is to be used, but Russian has traditionally been the tongue for government affairs.

Grossu proposed the compromise after reporting he had spoken with Gorbachev last night about the language controversy. He did not say whether Gorbachev suggested the compromise, but Nestase said it was widely believed this was the case.

"We think this is the most realistic compromise," Nestase said. "The session would continue tomorrow."

People's Front members said in a telephone interview: "We support the compromise and we're not the only ones."

The Moldavian Supreme Soviet began debating the proposal yesterday. Nestase said the session would continue tomorrow.

'Lanka will be India's Vietnam'

## Thousands of people missing

COLOMBO, Aug. 30. (Agencies): Twenty-five smouldering corpses were found by the roadside in central Sri Lanka today and the head of the country's lawyers' organisation said thousands of people had probably gone missing.

The Bar Association issued its statement as Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne, leaving for Belgrade for a meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement, said the government was "on top of" the security situation on the Indian Ocean island.

"We are on top of the problem," Wijeratne, who is also deputy defence minister, said in a telephone interview. "The police and the security forces are going all out to hit them (the left-wing rebels)."

A senior Sri Lankan minister has said Sri Lanka would turn to be India's Vietnam if New Delhi took an adamant stand on the withdrawal of the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) and retaliated against the island's pressure to have the troops pulled out soon.

The Indian weekly India Week in its latest issue quotes Lalith Athulathmudali, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Cooperatives as saying: "I am vocal critic of the IPKF's presence here. Legally speaking too, the Sri Lankan government's position is very strong. If India chooses to retaliate by taking an adamant stand, then it would suffer a Vietnam's syndrome."

Athulathmudali also told that he did not like the manner in which the Indian Army was asked to quit the place. The IPKF was not a mercenary force which we (Sri Lanka) hired to disarm the militants.

"The happenings of the last two months," Athulathmudali said, "smacks of total amateurism."

Sri-Lanka Bar Association



Premadasa

President Desmond Fernando said: "I guess the number of missing persons in Sri Lanka runs into thousands ... normal law enforcement procedures have broken down."

The situation is chaotic. We are now seeing unauthorised Army vehicles without number plates."

Fernando said the association today sent a letter to President Ranasinghe Premadasa warning that death threats to lawyers were being carried out and would "severely impede citizens obtaining redress from courts."

The warning was delivered two days after a human rights lawyer, Kanchana Abeypala, was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in his flat in the capital, Colombo.

Sri Lanka's most prominent human rights advocate, Prins Gunasekera, has also been threatened with death and was "out of circulation now," Fernando said in an interview.

He said lawyers suspect the threats were from "paramilitary groups working outside the framework of the law" — a reference to vigilante organisations.

Most offices and banks in Colombo did not open and many shops and businesses were closed.

tions helping soldiers and police crush left-wing rebels seeking to oust Premadasa.

The government has accused the People's Liberation Front (JVP) of killing more than 3,000 people in the past two years.

It has pledged to meet killings with killings and the death toll is mounting daily despite Wijeratne's assurance that the government remains in control.

Sri Lankans arriving in Colombo report seeing many charred human remains by the roadside and bodies floating in rivers.

In the latest incident, 25 smouldering bodies were found at Shrivastipura, in north-central province, according to residents in the neighbouring town of Anuradhapura.

They said the men were killed by vigilante squads which have threatened to destroy 12 JVP families for each serviceman's family killed.

The Front, mostly youths from the majority Sinhalese community, has said it will wipe out the families of security personnel who do not resign their posts.

In Colombo, a policeman and a rebel were killed in an exchange of gunfire today after suspected JVP members attacked a police security post, police said.

Fernando said the human rights situation in Sri Lanka was "very bad and not getting any better."

"Young people have run into the jungle in the south, scared of arbitrary arrest," he stated.

Meanwhile, a weeklong strike called by radical organisations to protest what they described as the "slaughter of civilians by government security forces" entered its third day today.

Most offices and banks in Colombo did not open and many shops and businesses were closed.

## Pretoria arrests scores of women

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Aug. 30. (Agencies): About 100 black and white women, including the wife of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, were arrested today as they began anti-government protest march in central Cape Town.

Police stopped the women when they emerged from a church hall to march to the British embassy. They intended to ask Britain to protest the South African government's handling of student unrest in the Cape Town area and to intercede on behalf of three black activists facing execution for a 1986 killing.

In addition to Leah Tutu, those arrested included Mary Barton, a white who heads the Black Sash Civil Rights Group, and Dorothy Boesak, wife of the Rev. Allan Boesak, a prominent mixed-race activist who is president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Many of the marchers sat in street, singing hymns and freedom songs until they were led into police vans and driven away. Scores of onlookers cheered the women.

Protest marches are illegal in South Africa, and the women acted as part of a month-old, nation-wide defiance campaign mounted by the anti-apartheid movement.

Tutu, the first black to lead the Anglican Church in Southern Africa, commented after the arrests: "I am proud of my wife."

"The demonstration was a wonderful success," Tutu said. "The women were disciplined and they were able to make the police behave with restraint."

"A white activist involved in the defiance campaign, Willie Hofmeyer, was admitted to a Cape Town hospital today with suspected internal bleeding, his father said.

Hofmeyer has been on a hunger strike since he was detained by police last week during a protest outside a branch of First National Bank, sponsor of an ongoing tour by an international rugby team that activists say is violating a sports boycott of South Africa.

In Pretoria, two more blacks were detained by police for participating in a defiance campaign aimed at desegregating the capital city's whites-only buses. Three men were arrested Monday.

Last night, for the second time this week, shots were fired into the home of one of the organisers of the Pretoria campaign.

In other developments:

— A bomb exploded early today at the home of Abomend Lambat, a member of the Indian Chamber of Parliament, causing damage but no injuries. Police said a mini-lamp mine was used in the bombing, which wrecked a door and several windows at the home on the southeast edge of Johannesburg. There was no claim of responsibility.

Anti-apartheid militants are urging a boycott of the Sept. 6 elections for the mixed-race and Indian Chambers of Parliament, which is dominated by a white-only chamber and excludes the black majority.

— A trade union official said several dozen policemen raided the office of a predominantly black food workers' union in Boksburg, east of Johannesburg, and confiscated documents. The two largest black labour federations have been planning nation-wide protests next week to coincide with the parliamentary elections.

Meanwhile an upsurge in anti-apartheid protest in South Africa has set back any possibility that prominent political prisoners, including Nelson Mandela, would be released soon, government sources said today.

The operation has been very successful," an official said.

Wildlife officials say, they hope the development of the army to police Tanzania's vast game reserves will halt the slaughter by poachers. Over the past 10 years, the killings have halved the number of Tanzania's elephants to an estimated 87,000.

The operation has been very successful," an official said.

UK to publish: The government said yesterday it will publish in full the findings of its inquiry into whether Austrian President Kurt Waldheim is linked to the Nazi executions of six British commandos in World War II.

A defense ministry spokesman requesting anonymity, said the report ordered by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in February 1988 will be published within a few weeks, but no date has been fixed.

He declined to elaborate, and could not confirm or deny a British newspaper report that the inquiry findings are likely to be inconclusive.

The Daily Telegraph, quoting defense sources, said yesterday that the report would shed "fresh light" on the war record of Waldheim, a former UN secretary-general, who was an intelligence officer in the German army.

But the newspaper added that "no major relations are likely." (AP)



Jubilant winner

A Havana-born Republican state senator capitalised on heavy support from Miami's Hispanic community yesterday to become the first Cuban-American elected to the US Congress.

State Sen. Jeanne Plus-Lefebvre won the seat held by the late Congressman Claude Pepper for nearly three

## NEWS IN BRIEF



Feeding time

Workers at Marine World Africa USA feed the larger of two beached whales in a San. On Aug. 29. The whales beached themselves in San Francisco last week and are not expected to live. The larger one has been named Nicholas and the smaller one, Alexander. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Suspended sentence:** A West German court yesterday gave a two-year suspended prison sentence to two Czechoslovak youths who hijacked a Hungarian aircraft with 14 people aboard in a bid to escape to the West earlier this year.

The judge said he considered hijacking "a serious offence" but cited the youth of the two 16-year-old armed hijackers, Stefan Macsko and Dusan Lusti, as mitigating factors.

He said they were only "half children" at the time of the March 29 hijacking.

The two told police earlier they had hijacked the plane to Frankfurt in a bid to escape to the West as they no longer wanted to put up with what they said was repression by the Communist Party. (UPI)

**Trains collide:** Two freight trains collided head-on at Suwa, Turkey, killing five people and wounding 16 others, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

The dispatch said the accident occurred at 0600 GMT when the two trains coming from opposite directions collided head-on. Four of the victims were drivers, it added. (AP)

**Head-on collision:** One person was killed and at least four seriously injured when two express trains collided head-on early today in Australia's westernmost Vorsberg province, a railway spokesman in Victoria said.

Several cars derailed when the two trains crashed while traveling at relatively low speed between the provincial capital of Bregenz and the small town of Welfort, the spokesman said.

**Honecker recovering:** East German leader Erich Honecker, believed to be near to the seriously ill, is continuing to recover from surgery two weeks ago, the Foreign Ministry said today.

A spokesman told Reuters that Honecker, 77, last Friday, had thanked people on Monday for birthday greetings and get-well wishes following his gallbladder operation.

"I can also tell you that he is making further progress in his recovery," he said. He declined immediate comment on reports from Bonn that the operation had not been successful.



Free for the taking

Drug addicts choose from a display of free condoms in a methadone bus Monday in Rotterdam. The city government started the free condom project to stop the spread of AIDS. (Reuter wirephoto)



Smiles all around

Michael Eisner (left), chairman and chief executive officer of Walt Disney Company, and J. R. Henson, creator of the Muppets, smile as Kermits the Frog is urged to leave his handprint in wet cement.



Papandreou addresses the Greek Parliament (Reuter wirephoto)

## Former Greek premier joins debate

### Papa goes to Parliament

ATHENS, Greece, Aug. 30. (AP): Former premier Andreas Papandreou for the first time in over a year showed up in Parliament yesterday to participate in one of its working sessions.

# Arabs seek meeting on Israeli expulsion

UN asked to condemn deportations

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 30. (Agencies): Arab states yesterday requested an urgent meeting of the Security Council to condemn Israel's expulsion of five Palestinians from the occupied territories last weekend.

In a letter from Qatar on behalf of the group of Arab states, the Security Council was asked to "consider the situation in the occupied Palestinian territory and in particular the deportation of Palestinian civilians from the occupied Palestinian territory."

The meeting was expected to be held on Thursday or Friday, sources said.

Israel deported four Palestinians to Lebanon and another to France on Sunday as alleged leaders of the 20-month-old uprising in the West

An army spokesman said two soldiers were hit by stones in the incident, including one hospitalized in moderate condition and another who was treated for a light wound and released.

The Palestinian wounded included two 12-year-old boys shot in the legs with plastic bullets and a 22-year-old shot twice in the stomach, hospital officials said.

In the West Bank, the military government completed the reopening of schools, which were closed for much of the 20-month Palestinian uprising, by allowing 10th and 11th grade students to return to class.

In Gaza city, stores and businesses were closed following the death yesterday of Ismail Abu Jayyab, 27, who was the leader of a PLO-backed students group at the closed Islamic University. He had been jailed four times without charges during the uprising.

Masked youths set tyres ablaze and threw up makeshift roadblocks in several neighbourhoods in Gaza city, which has a population of nearly 200,000 people. The town of Deir El Balah, where Jayyab was from, was also shut by strike.

No casualties were reported in the protest, but a 39-year-old municipal worker was shot several times by unknown assailants in Gaza city. He was transferred to an Israeli hospital for surgery.

After Jayyab's death yesterday, Palestinian witnesses said he was shot by soldiers after a firebomb was thrown at a military vehicle and during stone throwing by troops in downtown Palestine Square. The army said he was killed by army fire during a disturbance.

The English-language Jerusalem Post quoted a witness as saying Jayyab was shot in the face at close range.

Officials at Shifa hospital, where the wounded Jayyab was brought by soldiers, said he died of a single bullet wound above the right eye.

His death brought to 544 the number of Palestinians killed by soldiers or Israeli civilians during the uprising. At least 100 other Palestinians were slain by fellow Arab as alleged collaborators with Israel. Thirty-eight Israeli also have been killed.

In the occupied West Bank, the army reported no violence as about 45,000 students returned to high school classes for the first time since January.

Israeli leaders admitted today their proposal for Palestinian elections was running out of steam amid mounting violence in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"I cannot deny that the peace initiative and efforts to bring a political solution to negotiations between Israel and Palestinians has lost momentum," said Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, architect of the plan unveiled five months ago.

Speaking to reporters while touring Nablus, Rabin also warned Palestinians against escalating their 20-month-old anti-Israel uprising.

"Violence will be met by force. They will achieve nothing but further damage to themselves," said Rabin.

Vice-premier Shimon Peres, leader of their Labour Party, told visiting Canadian parliamentarians that Palestinians were increasingly negative towards the elections idea.

"In the beginning, we heard a 'half-yes' and now — nearly a complete 'no,'" Peres said.

In Vienna a PLO official said today more and more Israelis understood the need for a separate Palestinian state but their leaders were too cowardly to face up to the prospect.

## Sudanese government to establish Libya-style popular committees

KHARTOUM, Sudan, Aug 30. (Agencies): Sudan's new military government is establishing people's committees this week to govern in the style of Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi's "Jamahiriya."

Lt. Gen. Omar Hassan El Bashir, strongman of the two-month-old administration, said the committees will make government bureaucrats merely co-ordinators of policies set by the people.

"The door is open for each and every

citizen wishing to participate in the national work," El Bashir said in a speech announcing the new regime.

He said the committees will prove "the people's cohesion with the revolution, to safeguard unity ... and face challenges confronting the country."

The Sudanese ruler, who flies to Libya tomorrow to help Khaddafi has persuaded only one other African country, Burkina Faso, to become a "Jamahiriya."

Khaddafi coined "Jamahiriya" in 1977

from the Arabic words for "republic" and "masses" to describe what he claims to be a unique political system of direct popular rule. As he described it in his "third international theory" in 1973, government policies are supposed to be set by the general people's congress and implemented by the congress secretariat.

The new Sudanese arrangement will enhance a system already in force in Khartoum under the civilian government. El Bashir overthrew on June 30. Its Prime

Minister, Sadek El Mahdi, had extremely close ties with Khaddafi.

But the functions of the previous committees have been limited to distribution of bread and alerting police to brothels and places where illegal whiskey was made.

El Bashir warned today that the government may resume fighting rebels in southern Sudan if peace talks collapse and the rebels demand abrogation of Islamic laws in Sudan.

## Extremists held for luring children

Crackdown aims at tarnishing image: Brotherhood

CAIRO, Aug 30. (Reuters): A Muslim Brotherhood leader said today that Egypt's latest crackdown on Islamists was aimed at blackening their image and driving away potential recruits.

Security sources said today that 20 Muslim Brothers had been detained in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria for recruiting 80 children aged between five and 11, and inculcating them with Islamic extremism.

Brotherhood leader Magmous Al Hodaihi said the group was no indoctrinating children but routinely organised trips which included religious instruction during summer vacation.

"These trips are nothing new and are not kept a secret at all ... the Interior Ministry has a well-planned plot to distort our image and ruin our reputation," El Hodaihi said.

"It wants people to turn away from us and against us," he told Reuters in a telephone

interview.

Interior Minister Zaki Badr, who has ordered the detention of at least 2,000 Muslim fundamentalists over the past four months, said on Friday Brotherhood members were extremists, black market currency dealers and drug smugglers.

The Brotherhood, though banned as a party, is in practice tolerated in Egypt as a more moderate, middle-ground Islamic movement than some smaller clandestine groups.

An alliance of the Brotherhood, the Socialist Labour Party and the Liberal Socialist Party is the largest opposition group in a Parliament heavily dominated by President Hosni Mubarak supporters.

Security sources said 20 young Brotherhood members were rounded up from four furnished flats rented by Member of Parliament Essam El Eryan, a doctor and

Brotherhood member.

A senior Interior Ministry official told Reuters today Eryan had not been arrested. Eryan was not available for comment.

A leftist party, the Unionist Progressive Party (UPP), said several prisoners detained last week in a roundup of alleged communists had been tortured and had gone on hunger strike in protest.

An Interior Ministry spokesman declined immediate comment on the party's statement.

Security forces arrested 56 people last Thursday, accusing them of trying to change Egypt's political and social systems by illegal means and of belonging to the Communist Workers Party.

No charges have been formally made against the prisoners, said by the UPP to include lawyers, reporters, workers and students.

## MIDEAST BRIEFS

### Conference opens

ALGIERS, Aug 30. (Reuters):

Several thousand Islamic scholars and students gathered in the eastern Algerian city of Chessa yesterday for a conference on the theme "Toward a modern Islamic society," the Algerian news agency APS reported.

Algerian Religious Affairs Minister Boualem Biski told the opening session: "Muslims face one great challenge which is how to create a civilised entity in which their true roots coexist with a healthy modernity."

### Chinese visit

AMMAN, Aug 30. (Reuters): Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen will spend three days in Jordan when he tours the Middle East next month, the official news agency Petra said today.

It said Qian would arrive on September 16 for talks with Jordanian leaders on bilateral and international issues.

Diplomats in Beijing have said the aim of Qian's tour is to boost China's international profile and counter its diplomatic isolation arising from its suppression of the student democracy movement in June.

### Shops destroyed

SIDON, Lebanon, Aug 30. (AP): Muslim fundamentalists in August blew up at least 15 shops engaged in the selling of pornographic movies in Muslim-inhabited southern Lebanon, security officials reported yesterday.

The latest attack was the bombing Sunday of a shop selling pornographic videotapes in Sidon, a southern city where armed Sunnis extremists share control with leftist Lebanese and Palestinian commandos, the officials said.

### Syrian film wins

RABAT, Aug 30. (KUNA): The great prize of the international film festival held in Rabat this August was granted over the weekend to "Where Do We Go" by Bulgarian Rangel Vulchanov and "Noujoum An-Nahar" (Day Stars) by Syrian Mohamed Oussama.

The jury, chaired by Moroccan writer Tahar Ben Jelloun and including inter alia Egyptian movie maker Salah Abu Seif and Malian movie maker Suleiman Cisse, said Vulchanov's film was characterised by the precision and accuracy of the scenario, the mastery of the cinema camera, and the originality of the esthetics.

### Oman concerned

MUSCAT, Aug 30. (AP): Mugs of four young Omanis were printed in the state press today signalling the first public move in a sustained police campaign to curb juvenile delinquency.

The decision to play up criminal cases, including publishing photographs of convicted criminals, male or female, follows police inquiries over the proportion of juvenile arrests or larceny in Oman.

A total of 111 juveniles were arrested in the first six months of this year, accounting for 38 per cent of the 297 theft arrests nation-wide, according to the Royal Oman Police statistics released last month.

## French bid dies in rain of shells

(Continued from Page 1)

Soviet envoy Gennady Tarasov left for Moscow today after talks with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and Iraqi leaders on efforts to end the bloodbath in Lebanon. In Jeddah, a United Nations envoy delivered a message from UN chief Javier Perez de Cuellar to King Fahd dealing with the crisis in the Mediterranean country.

The envoy, Jean-Claude Aime, handed the letter to Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal, the official Saudi Press Agency said.

President Mubarak and Arafat appealed to the Arab world today to end the Lebanese Civil War and save the country from dissolution.

The two leaders spoke on reporters after Arafat, a brief visit and talks with Mubarak.

Arafat said he has no current plans to go to New York for this autumn's session of the UN General Assembly.

Published reports have said he was considering asking the United States for a visa necessary for him to go to the United Nations in New York.

The Kurdish and Iraqi agricultural engineers' societies today called for an emergency Arab summit to discuss Lebanon and decide on action to bring about peace in that war-ravaged country.

King Hussein of Jordan today sent a message about the crisis in Lebanon.

Nothing found on BA plane

## Bomb hoax delays flight

CAIRO, Egypt, Aug 30. (AP): Explosive experts and security officers searched a London-bound British Airways plane at Cairo International Airport today after a telephone caller claimed a bomb was on board.

Mahmoud Shawky, the airport's deputy board chairman for operations, said nothing was found after a search of more than two hours.

Carrying more than 200 passengers, the wide-bodied L-1011 Tristar left for London's Gatwick Airport at 2:15 pm (1115 GMT), more than five hours after its scheduled departure time.

The bomb threat came in a telephone call to the Associated Press early Thursday morning by a man who refused to give his name but said he represented a hitherto unknown group calling itself the Islamic

Rebublication Organisation — Al-Kasass Al-Islami in Arabic.

The man, who spoke Arabic with an Egyptian accent, said the organisation "has managed to place a bomb aboard British Airways Flight Number 156 which leaves at 9 am (0600 GMT)."

The call came 10 minutes before the scheduled take-off.

The caller sounded young and appeared to be using a pay phone because there was a pause at the start of the call.

He spoke rapidly. When asked to repeat the message, he read it through and ended by saying the act was in "retaliation for the torture of Muslim prisoners in jail."

## Hezb to boycott rebel govt

ISLAMABAD, Aug 30. (Agencies): A major Afghan rebel leader has suspended his role in the rebels' government-in-exile in protest over its failure to hold elections, a party spokesman said today.

It was the latest blow to the rebels' self-declared "interim government of Afghanistan," already hurt by internal quarrelling and a violent feud among some rebel factions.

Abdul Qader Karayab said Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, leader of the fundamentalist Hezb-i-Islami rebel group, would boycott cabinet meetings of the government-in-exile until elections are held.

Hekmatyar had threatened a boycott earlier this month when he criticised the rebel government for not meeting a six-month deadline for elections and the drafting of an Islamic constitution for Afghanistan.

The Hezb group was accused last month of killing 32 rebels from a rival group called Jamiat-i-Islami. The United States, the major financial backer of the rebels, condemned the killings in Afghanistan's northern Takhar province.

Since then, fighting between the two groups has escalated and the latest reports claim hundreds may have died in recent clashes.

Delegates at the WTO general assembly in Paris approved a US motion to postpone any decision on the issue by 40 votes to 34.

Other members of the 107-nation WTO were either absent or abstained.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) applied to join the WTO as part of its campaign for international recognition. There was no immediate reaction to the vote from PLO officials.

Delegates said earlier there was broad support for the WTO to make a concession such as providing training in tourism for Palestinians from the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Debate on such gestures was still possible before the WTO

meeting ends on Sept 2, delegates said.

The US motion, carried in a secret ballot, came after two days of intense backroom haggling.

The United States, supported by Hungary and Australia, forced a vote on the issue after daylong discussions made it clear there was a deadlock on three competing resolutions on the issue — one from the Arab states, one from the European Economic Community and one from the United States.

The US effort was led by John Bolton, who obtained the same result last May when the World Health Organisation voted to defer discussion on the issue until next year.

The PLO's bid was supported by the rebels, whose role in the government is limited to seven major rebel parties. Pakistan has become home to three million Afghan war refugees.

The rebels have failed in a drive since March to take the main eastern town of Jalalabad as a possible base for their government in exile.

They launched an offensive early last week on Khost, a garrison town in Paktia province where road links have remained cut off for most of the 11 years of the Afghan war.

The rebels had reported taking at least two government bases last week in what they termed their biggest offensive on Khost since the Soviet troops pulled out in February.

Government troops clashed with rebel fighters in several provincial cities yesterday, and 10 rockets hit the capital, according to the government spokesman and independent sources.

Rafsanjani's cabinet contains younger technocrats, some West-

ern-educated, who will try to revive the economy and attract investment to reconstruct industries damaged in the eight-year war with Iraq.

Khamenei, who was elected Iran's spiritual leader after the death June 3 of Ayatollah Khomeini, said his vote showed that Parliament "understands well the realities of the country, understands the issues, and knows itself to be responsible in context of these realities and this nation."

Missing from Rafsanjani's cabinet were noted hardliners like former interior minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, thought to be instrumental in efforts to end the bloodbath in Lebanon.

In Jeddah, a United Nations envoy delivered a message from UN chief Javier Perez de Cuellar to King Fahd dealing with the crisis in the Mediterranean country.

The envoy, Jean-Claude Aime, handed the letter to Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal, the official Saudi Press Agency said.

President Mubarak and Arafat

# Technology study plan till 2000

## PAAET to organise scientific panels

The process for collecting relevant information essential towards formulating a special plan towards determining courses of training to be imparted till the year 2000 has been initiated by the Faculty of Technological Studies at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET).

The plan envisages determining the needs of the faculty for teachers and engineers with the objectives of increasing the percentage of Kuwaiti teachers to a total of 80 per cent of the total staff, Dr Sulaiman Shamsul Deen, dean of the faculty said.

Two scientific panels will be organised related to electronic engineering during this year. Additionally, a number of wide-ranging studies in the electronic field will be undertaken and a seminar about transfer of technology — including a technological week will be held by the faculty annually, the official said.

He added that the faculty will organise meetings to familiarise new students with teachers of the faculty. Monthly rewards paid to students as in the past have now been discontinued as the objective in the general plan of the authority has been achieved. The faculty has nearly completed the process of finalising most of the text books for the new academic year and have co-ordinated with the students' bookshop to sell these books to students at symbolic prices. These books, until last year were distributed free of charge.

To provide enhanced facilities to students, the faculty has expanded its buildings to min-

imum crowds at the faculty. The expansion will also provide better facilities to the faculty staff by providing additional rooms. The majority of teachers recruited to impart their expertise at the faculty this year are proficient in engineering — a speciality that is the prime concern of the faculty, the official said and added that a number of engineers have been appointed from the local market, many of whom are Kuwaiti nationals.

In furtherance of the education scene, Dr Rasheed Al Hamad, assistant under-secretary of the Ministry of Education for Planning and Development has said that its training plan for its staff have been approved. The plan includes more than 35 training courses in different majors. The courses aim at developing the efficiencies and practical abilities of the new employees at the ministry beside developing the performance.

Hamad added that the curriculums department of the ministry has finalised the preparation of all required text books for the new academic year and these will be available to all students prior to the beginning of the term. He added that two text books in maths will be given to some pupils at the 2nd and 4th classes of intermediate stage which are unified text books at the Arab Gulf states level. The two books will be used as experiments in six intermediate schools in Kuwait. The ministry will also offer a unified text book of science subjects for 1st and 2nd classes of intermediate stage in six schools on an experimental basis.

## BAHRAN DIGEST

### 90pc AIDS carriers are drug addicts

THE NUMBER of AIDS carriers in Bahrain stand at 44, while 90 per cent of the nationals carrying the AIDS virus are drug addicts, it was disclosed by a top Bahraini health official early this week.

Dr Roshid Fulayfi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health, assured the general public however that Bahrain does not have a single AIDS victim infected with the fatal disease. There is a vast difference between a person suffering from AIDS and one who is merely carrying the virus, he said.

Early this year Dr Fulayfi, who is also the chairman of the National Committee for the Prevention of AIDS, told the Arab Times in an interview that the island had at that time about 15 AIDS carriers. The rise in the figure is attributed to an increase in the number of drug addicts. In spite of this increase in the number of AIDS carriers the undersecretary of health requested residents not to panic. An AIDS carrier may not necessarily contract the dreaded disease. The virus like any other form in our body may go away on its own accord, explained Dr Fulayfi in the Arab Times in the earlier report.

Authorities have deported four expatriates who are AIDS virus carriers while the remaining Bahraini carriers have been strongly advised to undergo counselling at the Psychiatric Hospital, which has the only drug rehabilitation centre in the region.

Meanwhile, strong measures are being undertaken to combat the escalation of AIDS carriers and to ensure that there are no AIDS victims. AIDS screening is enforced for all drug addicts and blood donors. Blood samples from all donors in the island are screened at the blood bank in Sulmanya Medical Centre. Women admitted to hospital to give birth are also tested for AIDS.

Information cards on the virus, in Arabic and English, are given to people travelling out of Bahrain at the airport as well as health centres and social clubs.

The official added that the ministry has taken possession of all new schools that are to be opened as of the beginning of the academic year and are presently being furnished. These new schools are located at all educational areas.

In continuation of the efforts being exerted to enhance educational levels, Binal Al Saleh, Acting Director of Hawalli Educational Area has said that the area has begun preparations for the new scholastic year as at the end of the last academic year.

To obtain optimum benefit, the area set up a committee which began its activities by paying field visits to schools of the area to study their needs for the new scholastic year. One of the main tasks of the committee was ensuring that all maintenance work be undertaken at different schools were completed.

The official added that the "bottleneck" of the shortage of teachers in schools of the area was solved by recruiting teachers from some Arab countries. In a move to comply with the wishes of HH the Amir, all kindergartens in the area (33 kindergartens) and 50 primary schools are now air-conditioned. Only three primary schools in the area still remain without air-conditioning which is attributed to maintenance work being undertaken, the official said.

Saleh pointed out that according to preliminary estimates by authorities, pupils in the Hawalli Educational Area for the new scholastic year 89/90 will be in the vicinity of 107,978.

## Stiffer check on sheep at slaughterhouses

PRESS and Publication Supervisor at Kuwait Municipality, Thuwaini Al Thuwaini said yesterday that instructions have been issued to all slaughterhouses in Kuwait to apply stiffer checks on all imported sheep before slaughtering them. He said that the instructions included that the slaughterhouses management should inform the municipality of any case of diseases in the sheep. Thuwaini called upon all veterinary doctors and meat inspectors to destroy the slaughtered sheep if found infected with any disease. The Slaughterhouses Department of Kuwait Municipality co-ordinated with the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources on the issue of sheep.

# Kuwait to host symposium on organ transplants

## Aim to define Islamic viewpoint

By Mahmoud Morsi  
UNDER the patronage of the Minister of Planning and acting Minister of Public Health Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, Chairman of the Islamic Organisation for medical sciences, Kuwait will host a symposium from October 23 to 26 to discuss transplants and foetal tests from the viewpoint of Islamic Fiqh. A total of 37 physicians, Islamic and legal scholars from various parts of the Islamic world will participate.

He said that the purpose of the symposium was to define the Islamic legal viewpoint as regards medical treatment in general with particular stress on what is legally approved and disapproved and the Islamic attitude towards transplants and medical tests performed on foetuses.

The subjects to be tackled during the forthcoming symposium would include the transplant of sexual organs in both males and females, cerebral transplants and use of foetuses in medical lab experiments, the official said.

He added that research papers have been invited from specialists in the field and a number of Islamic scholars approached for comments on these issues pending extensive discussion at the symposium.

Jundi attached particular importance to the subject of cerebral transplants which

would produce major character changes in patients, especially in cases involving schizophrenia and similar such complex psychological ailments.

He said that medicine has achieved great success in treating neurological diseases that affect the brain and is known as Parkinson's disease through cerebral transplants using tissues taken from the brain of a foetus.

The legality of intentional abortion of a foetus for brain tissues will be particularly discussed at the symposium.

## 7 exchanges shut down for violation of practice

THE Ministry of Commerce and Industry Monday closed down six money-exchange companies in the business sector of downtown Kuwait City, and another in Farwaniya for violation of their authorised line of practice.

The ministry's action was prompted by a report filed by officials at the Central Bank of Kuwait stating that a number of money-exchange companies were offering banking services to their clients, without a business licence from the ministry.

A local daily interviewed a number of businessmen in the money market who said that the owners of the closed down companies accepted deposits, traded in currencies and performed other banking services under ordinary import licences.

Eye-witnesses said that the ministry's representatives allowed the closed-down businessmen to return the deposits to their clients, and quoted dealers as fearing that they would lose their deposits as a result of the closure.

The businessmen were angry with the method used in closing down their concerns, saying that they were surprised to learn of the ministry's decision without previous warning, and that they were told to consult the ministry offices where they were given tickets for violating their practice licences.

## MPW contract

(Continued from page 30 yesterday) Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houdi today signed a contract with one of the local companies to implement construction and maintenance works in the Police College.

The contract worth KD344,000 will take about 180 days to be implemented.

The minister also signed another contract with one of the local companies to construct and maintain the Musical and Theatrical Studies Institute in 700 days, with a total of cost KD6 million.



## Education requirements exhibition

Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education, Abdul Rahman Al Khodari yesterday officially opened the fifth exhibition for Educational Requirements at the International Fairgrounds in Mishrif. Senior ministry officials, members of the diplomatic corps and other officials attended the opening.

## Dust, heat and humidity

### KISR tests aluminium resistance

THE Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research has finalised two studies the objectives of which are to improve aluminium household industries in Kuwait at the request of the Arab Light Metal Company and Kuwait Aluminium Company.

The project manager, Dr Abdul Ghani Al Imam, said that the purpose of the study is to identify the production parameter so that it will be possible to improve the performance of aluminium household works and windows through actual evaluation of the production characteristics, and operation factors and to determine the factors affecting quality and performance of the works under local weather conditions.

## Testing

The study included a series of lab and field tests to identify weather-related time factor, under high humidity and temperature through the use of computers.

Imam added that the study also covered industrial factors affecting the quality of coloured products, such as those produced through electro-chemical or spray techniques. Analytical tests were carried out to determine the climatic wear and tear effects against time factor.

Under the study, a computerised mathematical sampling was developed with a view to minimising aluminium loss during the production process and reclaiming lost aluminium chips through melting.

He said that the study team had carried out a series of field tests on a specimen of aluminium works and windows produced locally and others imported from abroad totalling 150 pieces and

utilised on 25 different buildings in order to determine the performance of these samples and weather-related factors affecting quality and durability.

Other tests aimed at analysing the aluminium window dust-proof and air-tight features against its production cost and the amount of dust and air leakage into the building, he added.

Results have stressed the need to minimise leakage for most windows, particularly since air-tight and dust-proof features are imperative in Kuwait to reduce the workload on the air-conditioning units in Kuwait.

The results also showed that local climatic conditions had a substantial negative effect on all tested aluminium sections. The recommendations called for minute locally-developed engineering specifications for the aluminium works manufactured in Kuwait so as to be efficiently resistant to the weathering effects and to increase the thickness of aluminium profiles to step up their durability and performance under the high temperature and humidity rates in the area.

## Automated control

Meanwhile, the Kuwait Science Club administration has introduced Control Automation by Compressed Air into its scientific programme to familiarise its members with this field and train them in the use of these scientific systems.

Control automation has been the central control nerve for various modern day industries and the technique is widely used in automobiles, food and petrochemical industries because it is one of the safest methods employed.

## 350 Quran centres to be established in occupied territories

IN order to spread the teachings of Islamic culture among Palestinian youth living in the occupied lands, the Kuwait Charitable Committee for the Support of Palestinian and Lebanese People is keen to establish 350 Holy Quran inculcation centres at most locations in Palestine.

Regarding the project objectives, Falah indicated that this step comes as a revival to Islamic teachings through the interpretation of the Holy Quran. It also

aims at spreading teachings of Islamic culture among Palestinian youth in order to strengthen their spirits while facing the enemies of the Islamic nation. The project's main objective is to educate a Quran generation in order for them to preserve the Holy Land and to stand firmly in the face of stultification campaigns carried out by the Israeli entity against Palestinians.

Falah talked about the implementa-

tion stages of the project by saying that the committee intends to establish these centres in city, town and camp mosques. He indicated that each of the centres will accommodate twenty students from the third and fourth primary grades, in addition to appointing a qualified teacher at each centre to supervise teaching. Falah stated that eight years is the estimated period required by students to memorise the Holy Quran.

He added that teachers at these centres will receive KD15 as monthly bonuses in addition to salaries, and students will obtain KD2 as assistance. He pointed out that each centre will have an annual cost of KD700.

Falah called upon charitable individuals and the public to support this project saying that any one could contribute to the costs of any Holy Quran inculcation centres or just a part of the cost.

# Tee - shirts

Ideal for Schools, Clubs, Hotels, Organisations, Companies or Ministries. From 1,000 printed Tee-shirts to 50,000, for leisure wear or promotional work. Arab Times Silkscreen Printing offers you the best rates in town. From one colour jobs to 8 colour printing jobs. Available with design and artwork service at nominal cost.

**ARAB TIMES SILKSCREEN PRINTING**  
Tel: 4813566 Ext: 232 (Michelle). Fax: 4819513

\* Subject to order.

# Stickers

Round, Square, Triangular or Rectangular. Any shape or any size.

Arab Times Silkscreen Printing offers you the best rates in town. Ideal for your promotional work at competitive prices.

With design & artwork service.

So print your stickers through Arab Times Silkscreen Printing and stick them where you want them.

**ARAB TIMES SILKSCREEN PRINTING**  
Tel: 4813566 Ext: 232 (Michelle). Fax: 4819513

\* At a nominal cost and subject to order.

**AL NOURI ENGLISH SCHOOL FAHAHEEL**

Registrations are continuing for the remaining vacancies in the INFANT & JUNIOR DEPARTMENTS For the term commencing 10th September 1989 Applications to:

The Headmaster,  
P.O. Box 46901, Fahaheel 64020, Kuwait  
Tel: 3911039

A well-known company is seeking the following staff:

- 1. CALLIGRAPHER-CUM-TYPIST**  
A male, experienced English Calligrapher having knowledge of typing. Also knowing Arabic calligraphy will be an advantage.
- 2. ADMIN. ASSISTANT**  
A female, bilingual Admin. Assistant with organisational ability and initiative. Must be fluent in English and have at least 3 years' experience in secretarial and administrative skills. Experience in wordprocessing and dBase would be an advantage.
- 3. COMPUTER TEACHER**  
A male, bilingual Computer Instructor. Should have BSc in Computer Science or equivalent, minimum 5 years' of teaching experience in Cobol, Basic and dBase programming.

Please apply to P.O. Box: 6305 Salmieh

**AL NOURI ENGLISH SCHOOL FAHAHEEL KINDERGARTEN**

Registrations can be made for vacancies in this fully equipped department. Term commences 11th September 1989. Children should be at least 3-1/2 years old on 1.9.1989. Kindergarten timings 7.30 am to 11.30 am if required, a morning service is available until 1 pm. Applications to:

The Headmaster  
P.O. Box 46901, Fahaheel 64020, Kuwait

**Bahrain International Trading Enterprises (BITE)**  
has the following vacancies :

- A. Dynamic Marketing/Sales Manager** who has wide experience in marketing Coffee (Fresh & Processed) in the Gulf and Middle East.
- B. Sales Persons** having 5 years experience in Coffee (Fresh & Processed). He should possess a valid driving licence.

The successful candidates will join BITE on a career path plan.

To apply, please mail complete CV and recent photo to:

The Recruitment Officer  
Bahrain International Trading Enterprises  
P.O. Box 26420  
Manama, Bahrain.

The position will be filled by September 15, 1989

# Stiff penalties for traffic violators

## New law submitted to interior minister

DIRECTOR of the General Department, Brig. Abdul Hamid Al Hajji said today that stiffer penalties will be imposed on traffic violators in Kuwait. He told KUNA that a new traffic law was recently submitted to the interior minister which includes stiff penalties on traffic violators, particularly those who cross the

red traffic light. He added that the new law pays special attention to this issue.

Brig. Al Hajji said that the traffic department conducted in the past few months several experiments on the camera system to be used in detecting violators of red traffic lights. But he said that this system is still under study by the department as one

of the options to deal with traffic light violators. He said that the department at present favours stiffening the penalties on those who commit this violation as the best means to curb them.

### Plans

Hajji said that there are several other plans and ideas about the development of

the traffic system in the country. He said that the main criteria is to increase the penalties on violators of traffic rules and these plans and ideas were included in the new traffic draft law. Hajji also said that the issue of increasing the maximum speed limit on motorways to 140 kph is still under consideration by the department.

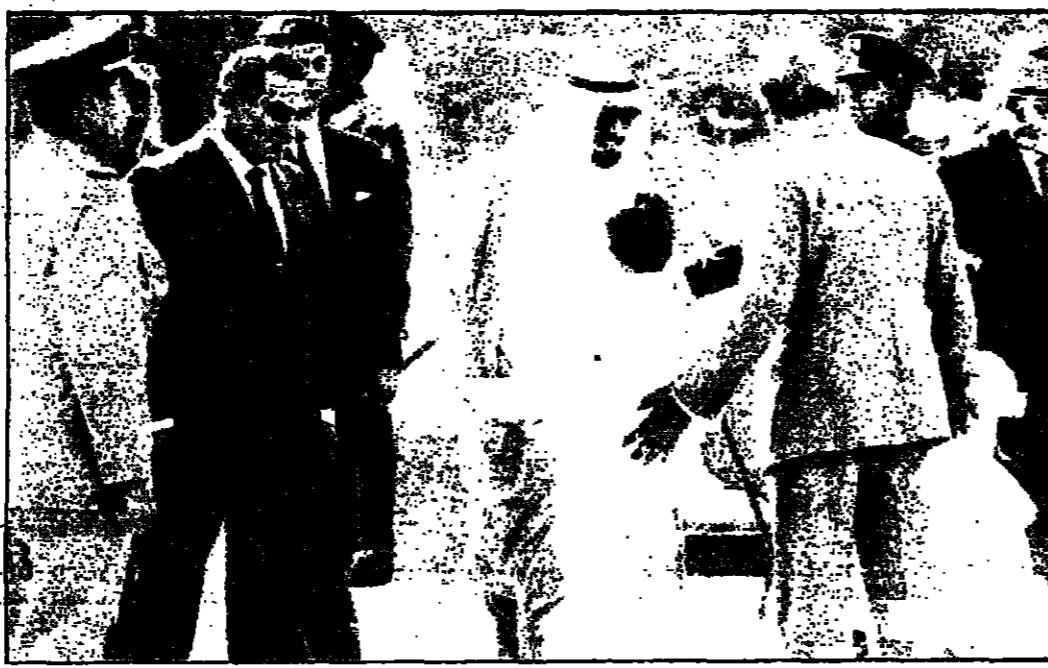


HH the Amir leaves Egypt for Kuwait

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak saw HH the Amir off at Cairo airport yesterday. Various Egyptian ministers and other senior officials along with Kuwaiti Embassy staff bid goodbye to the Amir. Pictures above show HH with President Mubarak and below (right)



receiving a bouquet of flowers from a young Egyptian and (left) waving goodbye as he boards the KAC jumbo.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Premier's audiences

KUWAIT, Aug. 30, (KUNA): HH Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah received at Bay Palace today Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saad Mohammed Al Ossaimi.

HH the Deputy Amir also received in audience Suleiman Hmoud Zaid Al Khaleel, Ambassador Mijin Al Hamad and Secretary-General of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters Dr Farouq Al Omar.

### Sabah receives

KUWAIT, Aug. 30, (KUNA): Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed today received in audience Trade and Industry Minister Faisal Abdul Razzaq Al Khaled on the occasion of his return home from Syria where he took part in the opening ceremony of the International Fair of Damascus.

Sheikh Sabah also received Kuwait's Ambassador to Aden Fawzi Al Jassem.

### Arab journalists

KUWAIT, Aug. 30, (KUNA): Social Affairs and Labour Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohamed Al Ahmed Al Jaber received at his office today a number of correspondents of Arab newspapers and magazines, based in Paris.

The correspondents are: Rashid Fayed of Saudi Okaz newspaper, Saeed Lawndi of Egyptian Al Ahram and Saad Zaghloul of Kul Al Arab magazine.

### Kuwaiti envoy

KUWAIT, Aug. 30, (KUNA): Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak Al Hamad today received Kuwaiti ambassador to Sudan Abdalla Al Siray.

The minister also received a delegation of Arab correspondents based in Paris.

### Salem leaves

KUWAIT, Aug. 30, (KUNA): Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah leaves here tomorrow for Tripoli leading an official delegation representing HH the Amir to the celebrations of the 20th anniversary of the Libyan Revolution.

## Abu Dhabi turns away sheep from Australia

ABU DHABI, Aug. 30, (AP): The emir of Abu Dhabi said today it had rejected 17,000 head of Australian sheep after tests showed they were diseased.

The Emirates news agency, WAM, quoted officials as saying the sheep had been found by clinical tests to be carrying Maltese fever. Arrangements were being made to re-export the animals, they said.

Abu Dhabi, capital of the seven emirates, became the second Gulf trade partner after Saudi Arabia to reject Australian sheep recently on grounds that they were diseased, a claim that Australian officials have vehemently denied.

Australia suspended live sheep deliveries to Saudi Arabia after the Saudis turned away five shipments of more than 200,000 animals, saying they carried viruses known as bluetongue disease and sheep pox.

Local news reports quoted officials as saying the 17,000 rejected by Abu Dhabi were among those rejected previously by the Saudis. Medical experts said Maltese fever, a mild form of brucellosis, is a bacterial infection as opposed to a virus.

Jasim Mohammed Darwish, head of UAE municipalities, was quoted by the Khaleej Times as saying the animals had been found unfit for human consumption. He said that in the future, Abu Dhabi would not accept any animals rejected previously by other members of the Gulf Co-operation Council.

## KPTC plans route to Jordan early next year

### Passenger transport

By Jamal Ameen

ASSISTANT Managing Director for Operations at the Kuwait Public Transport Company (KPTC) and secretary of the Kuwait Overland Transport Union Issam Al Riffai has said that KPTC is planning to operate an overland passenger transport route linking Kuwait to Jordan starting early next year.

In an exclusive interview with Seyassah/Arab Times, he said that the proposed Kuwait-Jordan route will be further expanded to link Amman to Cairo at a subsequent stage in the future. The operation of this route will promote overland transport services between the two countries and fulfill the aspirations of both governments. This project falls within the framework of an official agreement recently concluded between the two countries.

KPTC services fall into two categories, collective transport and public transport and beneficiaries from the first category includes ministries and government institutions, while the public transport services were meant for ordinary laymen.

KPTC has a fleet of 1600 buses of which 1100 are placed at the service of the Education Ministry, 97 operating at the Ministry of Industry, 25 serving the Ministry of Defence, 8 used by Kuwait University, 13 by the General Customs Department and two given to the Ministry of Interior.

He added that KPTC has already concluded a number of agreements with its counterpart transport services in the Arab world seeking to promote co-operation in this field and exchange professional expertise. Some of these agreements have been signed with the Yemeni Public Overland Transport

Authority, Tunisian National Transport Company and the Saudi Collective Transport Company, to name a few. Similar other agreements are already in force with Egypt and Iraq.

KPTC is planning to construct a passenger transport route inside Jahlia governorate, which would be fully operational as of next year. Another will be inaugurated in the not too distant future linking Kuwait City to the tenth area in Qurna.

KPTC services fall into two categories, collective transport and public transport and beneficiaries from the first category includes ministries and government institutions, while the public transport services were meant for ordinary laymen.

KPTC has a fleet of 1600 buses of which 1100 are placed at the service of the Education Ministry, 97 operating at the Ministry of Industry, 25 serving the Ministry of Defence, 8 used by Kuwait University, 13 by the General Customs Department and two given to the Ministry of Interior.

He highlighted the KPTC's intention to Arabise its 4000 working staff, who formed a mixture of Arab and Asian nationalities. The existing percentage of Arab staff is high and mainly come from Egypt, Tunisia and the Sudan and exhibited high performance.

He said that the services offered by certain private passenger transport companies were below standard, particularly those operating on the route to Egypt, Jordan and Syria. The majority of their buses are technically obsolete and consequently mar the civilised image of transport services in Kuwait.

## GCC law to combat drugs

THE drug combatting authorities in the GCC states will discuss the final content of a new unified draft law for combatting drugs in the GCC states. The GCC General Secretariat announced yesterday that director generals of the drug combatting departments in the GCC states will hold their fifth meeting in Manama on Monday, Sept. 4 to discuss the draft law and other issues. During the two-day meet-

ing, the officials will also discuss an anti-drug media programme prepared by the general secretariat. They will discuss exchange of information on drug cases and also discuss co-operation in qualifying employees in their departments for combatting drugs and drug traffic.

The results and recommendations of the meeting will be submitted to the next meeting of the GCC interior ministers.

## YOGA

### Kuwait International Hotel

for ladies and men  
Sunday & Tuesday: 8.00 pm - 9.00 pm  
Friday: 10.30 am - 11.30 am  
Contact: Mr. Paul Woodland  
Tel: 2533000  
or Tanya Tel: 5626528

Applications are invited from  
**UK qualified teachers**  
for the infant and junior departments commencing  
September 1989

In addition to excellent salaries, generous allowances are provided for all UK-qualified teachers, regardless of status.

Please contact the headmaster,  
Tel: 3928568, 3725960

# Children express attachment to maids

## Loving, caring and friendly

A LARGE number of children expressed strong attachment to their maids because they said maids provide them love, care and friendship which they lack from their parents. A local daily interviewed a number of boys and girls since they are considered the element most directly influenced by maids.

Abdul Aziz Hamed Al Roshoud, a student in the primary stage of education said that maids are kind humans and that he cannot imagine life without them. He has grown accustomed to having a maid in his family. He said that having a maid is very normal and that everything seems to go smoother when she is around.

Sometimes when she (the maid) gets sick, I avoid requesting anything from her and I will be glad to serve myself, Roshoud said, and added that he loves her a lot and is adversely affected if she left for a short time. He said that he does not mind helping his mother with housework if the maid has to leave.

### Stranger

Hamadi Abdullah, a student at the secondary stage indicated that her family was forced to bring a maid to the house due to the fact that her mother is a working lady. She added that she cannot stand maids around the house and will not by any means accept the fact that the maid is doing something which may relate to her directly. Why ask the maid when we can do it ourselves? She is a stranger in the

house, so why trust her with everything, Hamadi said.

She added that she is waiting for that day when the maid leaves her house, so she can do everything on her own. If I had the decision in my hand, I will prevent her from entering our house, she stressed.

### Mother's help

Heba Al Arbeed, student at the intermediate stage indicated that it is important to have a maid in the house in order to answer to their needs. She added that it is difficult for her mother to do all house work by herself.

Therefore, it is good for somebody to come and help her, despite the fact that her mother is not a working lady, Heba pointed out that may be because the maid is helping her mother doing housework she likes her a lot. She is strange to us, but I would like her to stay with us and never leave our home because I will be very sad if she did, he added.

### Ammar Ghazi

Abdullah Saeed, a child in the primary stage said that he finds maids very nice to her because they get her anything she wants. She added that she considers their maid as one of the family members but she won't be upset if she left them because it is normal she added.

A child in the intermediate stage said that though his mother taught him out to depend on himself and not to depend on maids, he still thinks that maids are important because she answers to many of our needs.

He indicated that their house maid is very quiet and kind and will not cause any of the problems he usually reads or hears about from friends.

Farah Al Roshoud, considers their maid as a family member because she is very close to him. She said that she feels that their

maid is special because she is kind and good to her. She feels strongly attached and comfortable when she is around. Therefore, she prefers if she (the maid) stays with them for ever.

Farah does not have any fears or worries from things that she hears about maids problems. She said that she serves herself when the maid is not around.

### Dislike

Abdullah Saeed, a child in the primary stage said that he dislikes their maid and does not know why he does not like her around the house. He added that he feels the same towards all maids. He hoped that one day the maid will leave their house and will not be replaced by another.

Fay Hamed, a child in the primary stage said that she finds maids very nice to her because they get her anything she wants.

She added that she considers their maid as one of the family members but she won't be upset if she left them because it is normal she added.

Ammar Ghazi, a student at the intermediate stage said that because his mother works, she needs somebody to help her in running house affairs. He added that their maid does a lot of housework and that she never refused any request or orders. She loves all of us and she is kind to us when mother is not home, he said.

Boudour Khalaf, a child in the primary stage said that she loves her maid a lot and always likes to sleep beside her because she tells her stories until she falls asleep.

## Fresh backing for PLO

(Continued from Page 1)

port to the efforts of the UN secretary-general aimed at implementing the Security Council Resolution 598.

The statement said the two sides held comprehensive talks in the context of the strong relations between the two sisterly countries.

The statement added the views of two countries were identical in various fields.

It added Mubarak had expressed his country's keenness on the security and stability of the Arab Gulf as part of the Arab national cause.

It said Mubarak highly appreciated the efforts exerted by the Amir in his capacity as chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference and his efforts to boost Afro-Arab co-operation.

The Amir expressed his confidence that election of Mubarak to the chairmanship of the Organisation of African Unity would strengthen Afro-Arab co-operation and assist in overcoming difficulties facing the struggling African peoples.

## Seven-year increase in life span of Kuwaitis

THE average life span of Kuwaitis has increased by seven years during the past two decades while that of expatriates increased by six years, a recent statistical report said yesterday. Planning Ministry Assistant Undersecretary for Statistical Affairs, Musaad Al Omaim said that new life span data for the population of Kuwait covering the period from 84-86, have been completed. He added that the increase in the average life span for Kuwaitis and expatriates in the last decade is less than the increase recorded during the previous decade. This is attributed to the lower gradual relative average life span increase to the fact that average life span had remarkably improved in the past.

He added that the average life span for Kuwaiti males averages 69.44 years and for females 73.69 years. The average life span for expatriate males is 71.48 years and for females is 75.49.

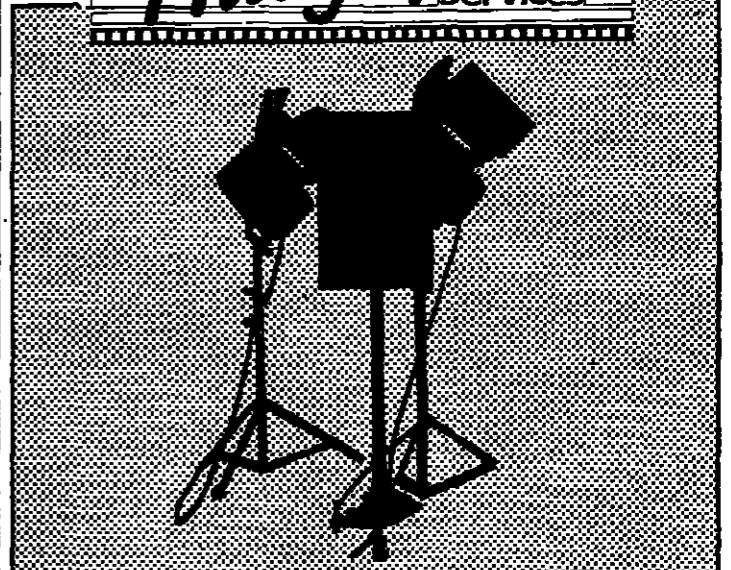
For professional high quality photography using the very latest equipment in our large purpose built studio.

For creative still life, brochures, promotional and industrial photography. Excellent slide copies from flat artwork, 35mm to 5x4 inch, black and white printing and processing.

For a complete professional photographic service, ring Mark on 4813566 ext 235. And see how our images can help yours.

The image makers

**ARAB & TIMES**  
**Photographic Services**



# ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

THERE is only one success — to be able to spend your life in your own way — Christopher Morley, US writer (1890-1957).

## Atmosphere tense in East Germany

### Refusal to countenance reform

MANY East Germans say their country's refusal to countenance reform is driving thousands to emigrate and generating deep despondency among those who stay.

Not since the Berlin Wall was erected in 1961 has the atmosphere been so tense, the pessimism so widespread, they add.

Hundreds of East Germans are abandoning security to start from scratch in the West, scrambling across the open Hungarian border to Austria. Thousands more are leaving legally.

No one starves in East Germany homes and jobs are assured, crime is limited and drug abuse unknown. So why the exodus?

East Germans from all walks of life reach the same conclusion:

Under veteran and ailing Communist Party leader Erich Honecker there can be no changes on the lines of reforms seen elsewhere in Eastern Europe. The range of likely successors gives no great hope for a switch in policy, people say.

They believe it is this more than material security that drives East Germans to the West.

East Germans say they are fed up with uncritical success stories in the tightly-controlled media, with cold war rhetoric against alleged psychological attacks from the West and above all with having to say what is required rather than what they think.

"I used to tell people wanting to leave to hold on, change will come. But now I can't bring myself to say it because, frankly, nothing is happening here, nothing," said one party member.

### Rebuke

He and other communist sources say discussion at party meetings has certainly become more open but the message of reform is being ignored further up the line, for fear of rebuke from the top.

Both party and non-party members say the failure to realise there is a crisis and to recognise the need for some kind of change has widened the gap between the authorities and the population of 16.7 million.

East Germany says it has no need for reforms because its system works. Critics say it fears changes such as those witnessed in Hungary and Poland could undermine its case for existing as a separate state from West Germany.

"The atmosphere's not been so bad since '61," said one woman office worker, referring to the year East Germany built the Berlin Wall to stem a westward flow of refugees.

Several factors have recently come to a head, persuading many that the only option open is to emigrate. Many who remain are depressed, angry and determined to do no more than the minimum essential to keep the country ticking over.

Among these factors was a 98 per cent vote in favour of official candidates in local elections in May, a figure many believed was manipulated.

East Germany's backing for China's suppression in June of pro-democracy protests also enraged many.

"That really took the breath away," said one journalist. "The message seemed to be directed at us — don't try your luck with protest for change."

Yet there is no immediate sign the country's usually passive population is about to take to the streets as some people did in an abortive workers' uprising in 1953.

And there is no sign of a cohesive opposition movement such as Poland's Solidarity, which is now forming a government. A harried band of small groups shelters under the wing of the East German Protestant church.

"As soon as any group sticks its nose outside the church to build a broader movement it will be tweaked by the Stasi," said a Western diplomat, referring to the State Security Ministry.

But some East Germans say the feeling of isolation from the dramatic reforms unfolding around them is growing and could finally be expressed in some form of protest.

"One more push, like further restricting travel for instance, will send us right over the edge," a middle-aged party member said.

East Germany has strongly denied it intends to limit travel to Hungary to thwart those who want to flee illegally.

### Exodus

Many accept this denial for now but are convinced East Berlin will be forced to do something soon to stop what is becoming a serious exodus of skilled young workers from a country already dogged by a labour shortage.

Many say travel and material benefits, often cited reasons for leaving, are important but not paramount concern. They point to the greater number of East Germans allowed to visit the West and to comparative economic stability.

"We are more concerned about being treated like adults," said one young woman who said she had no intention of emigrating.

"Even more important, I want my child to grow up without having to take part in this big game of hypocrisy, mounting the party slogans in public and criticising them at home," (East Berlin — Reuter)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1290 — Jews are exiled from England by proclamation of King Edward I.  
 1704 — Forces of Russia's Tsar Peter the Great take Narva in Russia.  
 1823 — French forces storm the Trocadero and enter Cadiz in Spain.  
 1871 — Basutoland is united with Cape Colony, South Africa.  
 1876 — Turkey's Sultan Murad V is deposed on plea of insanity and is succeeded by Abdul Hamid II.  
 1900 — British forces under Frederick Roberts occupy Johannesburg, South Africa.  
 1910 — Austrian-Russian convention on Persia, Afghanistan and Tibet signed, which aligns Russia with Britain and France against central powers.  
 1918 — Bolshevik troops attack British Embassy in Petrograd, Russia.  
 1922 — Czech-Serb-Croat alliance is signed at Marienbad.  
 1923 — Italy occupies Corfu in Greece.  
 1939 — Attempts by French Premier Daladier and British Prime Minister Chamberlain to negotiate with Adolf Hitler of Germany fail.  
 1942 — German General Rommel renews offensive against British at Alamein in North Africa in World War II but is driven back to original lines.  
 1957 — Independence of Federation of Malaya goes into effect.  
 1962 — Trinidad and Tobago become independent nation within British Commonwealth.  
 1960 — Polish labour leaders sign agreements with Communist government establishing for first time in a Soviet-bloc nation the rights to strike and to establish free trade unions.  
 1968 — Moscow's secret police hold US correspondent Nicholas Daniloff on spying allegations, and his wife calls it a frame-up.  
 1987 — Government and opposition officials in South Korea agree on revising constitution to clear way for direct presidential elections and other reforms.  
 1988 — United States and Soviet Union are reported to have completed initial, 60-day inspections under Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty, without detecting apparent discrepancies in their claimed arsenals.

## No one can win Afghan war

# Stalemate benefits Najib

NEITHER the Soviet-backed government nor Western-backed rebels can hope to win the 10-year-old war that has bled Afghanistan white, but the stalemate may benefit the government more, diplomats said.

Six months after Soviet troops left the country, neither side has been able to deal a decisive blow and the longer President Najibullah stays in power the stronger he becomes.

"Najibullah wins by not losing and the mujahedeen lose by not winning," said a government official succinctly.

"The most realistic things both sides have to face up to is that no one can win this war," one Eastern bloc diplomat said.

Mujahedeen, needing to prove themselves in battle before the summer fighting season ends, seem unable to switch from hit-and-run tactics to the conventional warfare needed to seize key cities. They are also plagued by bitter feuds.

Government forces earned grudging respect from Western military analysts by a string of successes against the Muslim commandos since Soviet troops left, though in fact they won little more than a stalemate.

Even Afghanistan's Defence Minister, Colonel-General Shahzawaz Tanai, admitted to reporters recently an all-out military victory was virtually impossible.

A leaked cable from a US diplomat in neighbouring Pakistan, where seven rebel groups are based, came to a similar conclusion. In the cable, made available in Kabul, he doubted the mujahedeen could topple the government by force.

Still, after 10 years and more than a million lives, tons of weapons continue to pour into Afghanistan from the Soviet Union and the United States and the war carries on unabated.

The best example of the military limitations of both sides was the assault on Jalalabad, Afghanistan's third largest city, on the road from Kabul to the Pakistani border.

About 15,000 rebels failed to take the Nangarhar province capital from some 17,000 government troops. The government in turn failed to press home its success and in effect both sides returned to their positions before the offensive.

"There was no military victory at Jalalabad," said one diplomat in Kabul. "A military victory meant they (government troops) should have pushed the rebels to (the border town) Torkham and swept them out of the country."

Lieutenant-General Manokai Managal, military governor of Nangarhar, said the Army had the authority to rout the rebels but refrained in line with Kabul's policy of reconciliation.

One military observer offered another reason. "They can't... they don't have the manpower."

Of an estimated 250,000-strong government force, including tribal militia and paramilitary groups, only about 95,000 are regular fighting units.



Mujahedeen load Chinese-made multiple rocket launcher before shelling government positions. (Reuter wirephoto)

They said. To try to push the guerrillas into Pakistan would spread government strength too thinly and make the Army vulnerable to ambushes.

Military observers said the government had re-trained offensive operations to avoid high civilian casualties, unacceptable for a regime trying to widen its base of support.

"The government strategy has been to defend the cities and give up less important areas they can't hold," one Asian military observer said.

Mujahedeen still control large parts of the country, particularly in border areas near Pakistan.

In what rebels call the biggest offensive in the southeast since the Soviet withdrawal, about 500 mujahedeen have stepped up attacks on Khost but there is little co-operation between rival groups and violent feuding has been reported.

Many local rebel commanders no longer fight the government for various reasons, including business deals with Kabul. (Jalalabad — Reuter).

## Austrians help East bloc emigrants

SINCE the division of Europe more than 40 years ago, Austrians have been offering a helping hand to East bloc emigrants fleeing to the West.

But, as Eastern Europe's closest Western neighbour, Austria is finding its role as a haven for Soviet bloc refugees strained by new reforms that allow increasing numbers to travel and emigrate.

While East Germans flooding across the newly porous Austro-Hungarian border this summer have enjoyed heartfelt hospitality, other would-be refugees from Eastern Europe find state support withering away.

Women in the border town of Moersch have spent days sorting old clothes, cooking food and giving a hug to exhausted East Germans who stumble in after a gruelling dash through the borderland brush to freedom.

A woman's eyes fill with tears as she surveys the large hall where tables are piled high with clothes and dazed East Germans sit over sausages and bread or puff cigarettes.

"You just have to help," she says. "Anyone with a sense of humanity has to."

Poles and Hungarians who want to stay feel less welcome.

Their applications for asylum are being rejected now on grounds they are not politically persecuted but seek only to improve their economic situation.

Many Austrians perceive the Hungarians and Poles as leeching off the state — as refugees they receive free room and board plus a meager monthly allowance — while waiting years for applications for asylum or emigration to third countries to be processed.

In July and August, some 3,800 Hungarians and Poles had welfare withdrawn and were turned out of government-rented hotels and boarding houses.

They all came to Austria before May 1983, when the government accelerated asylum applications from Poles and Hungarians, rejecting most.

Interior Minister Franz Loeschnak, under fire from left-wingers who argue this violates Austria's policy of sheltering all refugees, insisted the Poles and Hungarians were informed months in advance. But many said they were given only a few days' notice.

## Iran's hardliners out in the cold



Ayatollah Khomeini

THE self-styled ideological heirs of Ayatollah Khomeini are looking to his son Ahmad to revive their fortunes after their exclusion from the new Iranian government.

"Ahmad is the living symbol of his father. Everything depends now on what he does," said a European diplomat.

On Tuesday, Majlis (parliament) approved President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani's full cabinet. Rafsanjani opted for managerial competence to achieve his aim of economic revival, through co-operation abroad when necessary.

He left out leading so-called hardliners, who welcome confrontation abroad and would bear economic hardship rather than undermine what they believe to be Ayatollah Khomeini's strict Islamic legacy.

This month, one hardliner, Mohammad Mousavi Khomeini, set down the challenge in a speech at Khomeini's grave.

People called us hardliners, he said. But the fact was that there were those who followed the late Ayatollah's line and there were those who did not, and they were misguided.

Western and Iranian analysts believe the hardline faction, championed by such men as former Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi and former Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi, will try to regroup around Ahmad, 42.

Rafsanjani is likely to try to find a role for Ahmad in government to prevent him becoming a rallying point for the hardliners, the analyst said.

For the opposite reason, the hardliners will want Ahmad in parliament but not as speaker, a post which until recently was assumed to be his for the taking, the analyst said.

"Ahmad was the closest to his father for 10 years but he has little hard political experience. He would be too exposed in the post of speaker," an Iranian political source said.

But if they keep him as a symbol, and he takes their stand, then there could be problems (for Rafsanjani), he added.

Western analysts predict the hardliners will take time before mounting any serious challenge to Rafsanjani policies, hoping the cabinet will prove unable to solve Iran's serious economic problems.

"They may well have politics higher on their list than hopes for the financial well-being of the country," said a Western analyst in the Gulf.

Critics has already started. In broadcast parliamentary debate on Tuesday, one member scoffed at the heavy industry minister's speech. (Dubai — Reuter).

## Letters to the editor

### The Indian Panorama

SIR: The observation of your correspondent from Tokyo (AT 29/8) calls for no answer since it seems to be a conglomerate of misconceived informations except for the penultimate para reading: "India has the fourth largest Army in the world second only to China in Asia. It has nuclear submarines, a flotilla of formidable battleships, a sizeable Airforce with MiGs, Mirage 2000s, vintage world war planes and is assembling its own jets and missiles."

What about India's progress in nuclear fission? The letter serves only to instigate hatred and anxiety which, unfortunately, is not becoming of a peace-loving person.

India, essentially, has to be self-sufficient and strong on the defence front like any other country, to help instil confidence from super powers who are experts in exploiting opportunities, wherever possible, to their own benefits and as a matter of existence.

Strength can only be matched by strength.

So what harm if India builds up to a level commensurate to her demanding needs and command self-respect? (Why are the Americans having military bases in Japan? Anyway, that is not our concern).

The world is moving into delicate and explosive situations. All are vainly searching for peace — some sincerely and some for others to believe so. We all know what has happened and what is going on in the Middle East. Who is behind all these fiascos and who can bring an end to this? The innocent people in this affected region have long forgotten the warmth and tranquillity of a peaceful atmosphere. They were born into an agitated environment and most of them are forced to live it out not knowing what the sunny side of life looks like.

The day of deliverance cannot be far off.

There is no point in India lagging behind pursuing

Gandhian principles in such matters and at times need seeking external assistance only to get embarrassed by dictated sympathy and lip-service.

In the nuclear field, the big boys, alarmed and disturbed at India's strides, are shamelessly and deliberately trying to hinder her progress and to keep her caged in the backyard. Obviously, they want to see India always down-trodden and backward, the way she was at the hands of the British imperialists before gaining independence and also as a guinea-pig to experiment their medicines and technology.

We have had enough over the past forty-two years. We have learned bitter and costly lessons. It would, therefore, be unwise and suicidal to continue like this and be always at the mercy of the giants.

The day of deliverance cannot be far off.

C.K. Satyam, Satat.

## Israel's Latin role extensive

CHARGES that Israeli helped train squads for Colombia's drug cartels have highlighted a long history of Israeli involvement with Latin America.

From Guatemala in the north to Paraguay in the south, the Jewish state has sold weapons and military expertise to dictators with dismal human rights records, military analysts said.

Military experts say Israel, the ninth-biggest international arms supplier, owed much of its success in Latin America to restrictions on US weapons shipments in the 1970s.

In this period, Washington throttled or suspended supplies to right-wing military dictatorships accused of human rights abuses. Guatemala was cut off completely in 1977 and by 1980 the entire Army was re-equipped with Israeli Galil rifles.

According to published sales figures and statistics compiled by such authoritative organisations as the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies, Israeli weapons supplies to Latin America have ranged from fighter aircraft and missiles to assault rifles.

Latin American diplomats say private citizens have worked as security consultants in Central and South American countries, including Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Argentina, Paraguay, Chile and El Salvador.

One of these consultants, reserve Colonel Yaakov Klein, is being

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Innovative provision introduced

## Dollar trapped in tight range

LONDON, Aug 30. (Reuters): The dollar ended a shade higher in Europe today after spending the session trapped in a tight trading range and starved of market-moving news.

"Things have been very quiet today," said one foreign exchange dealer in Frankfurt. "Customers are not particularly interested in anything."

Dealers said the dollar was unmoved by news that US personal income and personal spending rose 0.7 per cent in July, pretty much as economists had forecast.

They said it would probably trade in a narrow band in the run-up to Friday's release of US August unemployment data.

The dollar closed in London at 1.9415 West German marks and 143.55 Japanese yen after ending Tuesday at 1.9400 and 143.40.

Europe's main share trading centres were also largely quiet.

London's Financial Times Stock Exchange index of 100 bluechips ended almost unchanged at 2,383.3, up only half a point.

A stronger performance on Wall Street, which was up 11.1 points at 2,739.74 on the Dow Jones industrial average by noon in New York, failed to stir interest at the end of a dull day in the London market.

"Wall Street's market is not up again on programme buying and as such is not to be trusted," said one London dealer.

Gold bullion prices drifted in London to close at the day's low of \$360.75 an ounce against a previous finish of \$363.75.

An early rise on Wall Street had scant impact on a mixed and undecided London market, which showed little enthusiasm to break out of the day's narrow trading range in late business.

Market talk had Hong Kong's dairy farm international, as the milk producer, had been mentioned as a speculation - mentioned very much. Analysts thought a bid from dairy unlikely as the "take-out" price for ASDA looks to be around £3 billion.

## Dhaka forest development plan

DHAKA, Aug 30. (Reuters): Bangladesh will spend \$50 million to create forests in the country's arid north, an area environmentalists say could turn into a desert.

Announcing the plan last week, Environment and Forest Minister Mayeedul Islam said trees now covered only 2.5 per cent of the north compared with six per cent elsewhere in the country.

"This is a highly alarming situation and we must do our best to reverse the trend and save nature," he said.

Officials said Bangladesh must have 25 per cent of its total land area under forest to keep the environment in balance.

## Crude oil rates

KUWAIT, Aug 30. (KUNA): Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait today.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.29851	0.29966
Sterling	0.47373	0.47586
Dm.	0.15418	0.15482
S. Fr.	0.17907	0.17986
F. Fr.	0.45766	0.45956
Il. lira	0.00021487	0.00021585
Jap. yen	0.0020674	0.0020952
Bb. dinar	0.79159	0.79506
UAE dh.	0.081271	0.081508
S. riyal	0.079581	0.079909
O. riyal	0.081963	0.082234
O. riyal	0.77514	0.77853

## Interest rates

KUWAIT, Aug 30. (KUNA): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-1/4	8-1/2
3 months	8-5/16	8-5/8
6 months	8-5/16	8-5/8
1 year	8-3/8	8-11/16

	18/06
Indian rupee	8.100
Sri Lankan rupee	14.330
Pakistani rupee	9.200
Bangladesh taka	29.955
US dollar	47.625
Deutsche mark	154.70
UAE dirham	0.08180
Japanese yen	0.02104

## Bill seeks to woo NRI investments

By M.C. Bose  
Business editor

THE government of India has introduced a bill in the Lok Sabha to further amend the Income-tax, wealth tax and gift-tax acts, to attract mainly non-resident Indian investment in India.

The amendments also seek to introduce special provisions for valuation of quoted equity shares of companies to remove existing hardships caused to investors.

The bill, introduced by the Minister of State for Finance Ajit Panja, also aims at removing certain anomalies and difficulties relating to new income tax assessment procedures, which have already come into force April 1989.

Another objective is to grant certain tax concessions so that the tax-payers could avail them during the current financial year.

The bill recognises the country's prime need for ensuring proper balance of payment and

for encouraging inflow of foreign exchange into the country. With a view to achieving this, the bill proposes to amend section 48 of the Income-Tax Act.

It will also make investments in shares by non-resident Indians more attractive and thereby encourage inflow of foreign exchange in the country.

H.P. Ranina, a well-known taxation expert of India told the Arab Times in a telephone interview that "as far as your queries on the new amendment bill are concerned, there is no doubt that the bill is meant to assist NRIs and the law has been considerably liberalised.

Ranina added the main benefit sought to be given to NRIs is in respect of the computation of capital gains arising from the transfer of shares in an Indian company.

Under the new provision

to section 48(1) (a), the sale proceeds would also be converted into dollars at the prescribed rate of exchange and the difference between such amount converted into dollars and the original investment of \$10,000

would be deemed to be the capital gains, which would be liable to tax in India.

Ranina said it is important to note that, under the proposed amendment, an NRI can now spend in India 150 days in a financial year, that is, between April 1 and March 31, as against 90 days at present. This is what is clearly stated in the amendment to section 6. However, some of the press reports have stated that the NRI can be in India for 180 days, which is not correct.

Ranina added the main benefit sought to be given to NRIs is in respect of the computation of capital gains arising from the transfer of shares in an Indian company. Under the new provision to section 48(1) (a), the sale proceeds would also be converted into dollars at the prescribed rate of exchange and the difference between such amount converted into dollars and the original investment of \$10,000

would be deemed to be the capital gains, which would be liable to tax in India.

It is obvious that the main objective of this new provision is to ensure that the NRI does not pay capital gains tax on the mere devaluation of the rupee vis-à-vis the dollar, but he pays the tax on the actual capital gains made by him in dollars. There is no doubt that this is a very innovative provision introduced in the income-tax law for the benefit of NRIs and the government of India needs to be congratulated for this progressive step.

Another important amendment which is sought to be made is to provide that under section 195 of the Act, tax will be deducted at source only at the time of actual payment of interest to NRIs by the government, public sector banks and public financial institutions, and not at the time of crediting the interest under any scheme. Therefore, where NRIs have placed funds in cumulative deposits, where the

total amount with the interest is payable only upon maturity, tax would be deducted at source at the time of maturity when the deposit amount is refunded along with the interest, Ranina said.

As far as the valuation of shares is concerned, it has been provided that the average value of shares on 31st March of the preceding 4 years should be taken into account and not just the value appearing on 31st March every year. This has to be done at the option of the tax payer and, therefore, if the value of the shares has been fluctuating widely over the last five years, the average value would be reduced considerably. This would certainly help wealth-tax payers in years when the value of the shares has been fluctuating widely over the last five years.

Ranina said the debenture monies are allowed to be raised from the international market, on a selective basis, to issue convertible debentures in the international market. While this move will slow in giving permissions, it may ultimately broaden the financial base for Indian companies.

Ranina said, however, once the debenture monies are allowed to be raised from the international market, they would also be quoted on foreign stock exchanges.

When asked to accelerate growth during the 8th plan, investment will have to undergo a substantial reallocation between public and private sectors, Ranina said during the eighth plan, both the public and private

sectors will have to mobilise substantial amount of resources. Thus, mere reallocation of resources is not required; what is necessary is to give adequate incentives to the private sector to mobilise additional resources.

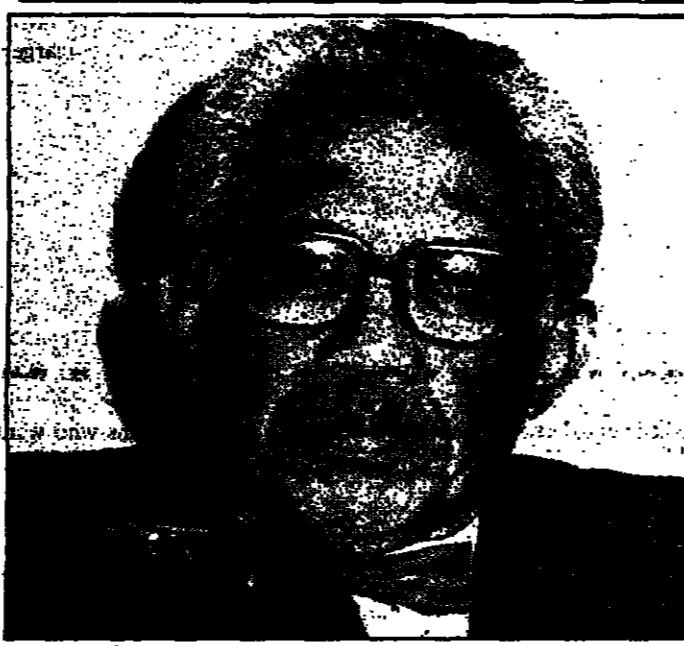
Turning to the rationale of the direction to the investment pattern in India, he said finally, the government is seriously thinking of permitting some Indian companies, on a selective basis, to issue convertible debentures in the international market. While this move will slow in giving permissions, it may ultimately broaden the financial base for Indian companies.

Ranina said, however, once the debenture monies are allowed to be raised from the international market, they would also be quoted on foreign stock exchanges.

When asked to accelerate growth during the 8th plan, investment will have to undergo a substantial reallocation between public and private sectors, Ranina said during the eighth plan, both the public and private

## OPEC heads of state likely to meet in Belgrade

US refined product prices soar



the non-aligned summit but informal talks may be held.

Gianjar said he would support an increase in OPEC's fourth quarter output ceiling to 20.5 million barrels per day (BPD) from the current 19.5 million but members would have to abide by their quotas.

If we agree to produce 20.5 million barrels a day we must produce at the level and I will support that, he added.

According to Michael Rothman, senior energy analyst with

Merrill Lynch capital markets, there is no sign yet that excess OPEC oil is swelling stocks to dangerously high levels.

He thinks the explanation may be a time lag in delivery and that a stock overhang will soon build up, so that prices slide by up to \$2 more. But he adds that another possibility is that demand is stronger than was thought.

Well-placed OPEC sources say such uncertainties are another reason why OPEC president Rilwan Lukman of Nigeria would like an informal talk before the Geneva meeting, perhaps in Belgrade, with the ministers of Algeria, Indonesia and Venezuela.

The Geneva talks will officially be only of a monitoring committee of eight of the 13 ministers but others may sit in and could convene a full conference to seek a lasting quota accord.

Prices of refined products surged in New York today on reports that workers at Brazil's national oil company, Petrobras, may go out on strike on Sunday.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), unleaded gasoline soared 0.96 cent to 54.61 cents a gallon, while heating oil closed at 52.17 cents, up 0.45 cent.

It is pointless if we raise the quota but the supply is more than we agreed, as is the case, Gianjar said. That has put oil prices under pressure.

If we agree to produce 20.5 million barrels a day we must produce at the level and I will support that, he added.

According to Michael Rothman, senior energy analyst with

the non-aligned summit but informal talks may be held.

Gianjar said he would support an increase in OPEC's fourth quarter output ceiling to 20.5 million barrels per day (BPD) from the current 19.5 million but members would have to abide by their quotas.

If we agree to produce 20.5 million barrels a day we must produce at the level and I will support that, he added.

According to Michael Rothman, senior energy analyst with

the non-aligned summit but informal talks may be held.

Gianjar said he would support an increase in OPEC's fourth quarter output ceiling to 20.5 million barrels per day (BPD) from the current 19.5 million but members would have to abide by their quotas.

If we agree to produce 20.5 million barrels a day we must produce at the level and I will support that, he added.

According to Michael Rothman, senior energy analyst with

the non-aligned summit but informal talks may be held.

Gianjar said he would support an increase in OPEC's fourth quarter output ceiling to 20.5 million barrels per day (BPD) from the current 19.5 million but members would have to abide by their quotas.

If we agree to produce 20.5 million barrels a day we must produce at the level and I will support that, he added.

According to Michael Rothman, senior energy analyst with

the non-aligned summit but informal talks may be held.

Gianjar said he would support an increase in OPEC's fourth quarter output ceiling to 20.5 million barrels per day (BPD) from the current 19.5 million but members would have to abide by their quotas.

If we agree to produce 20.5 million barrels a day we must produce at the level and I will support that, he added.

According to Michael Rothman, senior energy analyst with

the non-aligned summit but informal talks may be held.

Gianjar said he would support an increase in OPEC's fourth quarter output ceiling to 20.5 million barrels per day (BPD) from the current 19.5 million but members would have to abide by their quotas.

If we agree to produce 20.5 million barrels a day we must produce at the level and I will support that, he added.

According to Michael Rothman, senior energy analyst with

the non-aligned summit but informal talks may be held.

Gianjar said he would support an increase in OPEC's fourth quarter output ceiling to 20.5 million barrels per day (BPD) from the current 19.5 million but members would have to abide by their quotas.

If we agree to produce 20.5 million barrels a day we must produce at the level and I will support that, he added.

According to Michael Rothman, senior energy analyst with

the non-aligned summit but informal talks may be held.

Gianjar said he would support an increase in OPEC's fourth quarter output ceiling to 20.5 million barrels per day (BPD) from the current 19.5 million but members would have to abide by their quotas.

If we agree to produce 20.5 million barrels a day we must produce at the level and I will support that, he added.

</div

# IMF cuts global growth rates

WASHINGTON, Aug 30. (Reuters): The International Monetary Fund sees a slower rate of expansion ahead for the global economy but does not believe that the reduction will lead to a recession, monetary sources said today.

The IMF believes the global economy will expand by 3.1 per cent this year, down from its prior estimate of 3.3 per cent.

The world financial agency also predicts the US economic growth will be slower than it previously forecast. It predicts the economy will grow by 2.7 per

cent this year, instead of 3.1 per cent as forecast in April.

The figures are contained in a draft report of the world economic outlook being prepared for next month's Washington annual meetings of the IMF and World Bank and will help set the backdrop for monetary and debt policy discussions.

At the same time, the IMF says policymakers must keep a close eye on inflation but believes the possibility of an inflationary spiral has been reduced unless monetary authorities badly stum-

ble. There has been concern by some of the indebted countries that the wealthy industrial states might misjudge monetary policy, bringing on a global recession or an inflationary spiral.

A deep recession could add more hardship to the debt-laden economies of Latin America and Africa which need income from sales of raw materials to industrial nations to earn the money to keep up with their interest payments.

At the same time, a misstep on infla-

tion could push monetary authorities to increase interest rates, making debt payments, already impossible for some countries, even more punishing.

For 1989, the fund sees a 2.9 per cent rate of global growth, as opposed to its earlier 3.2 per cent estimate. The US economy is expected to grow at a two per cent rate next year, down from 2.5 per cent estimated previously.

In 1988, the global economy grew by 4.1 per cent, as did the industrial countries, according to the IMF, while the US economy expanded by 3.9 per cent.

The IMF's latest prediction for the US economy precisely matches the Bush administration's forecast for 2.7 per cent growth this year.

The sources noted that government figures released on Tuesday showed the US economy in the second quarter grew at a faster rate than originally predicted, which could bring about some modification of the IMF numbers. The Commerce Department revised its second-quarter figures to show the economy was growing at a 2.7 per cent annual rate between April and June.

## American personal income increases

WASHINGTON, Aug 30. (AP): Personal income rose a healthy 0.7 per cent in July, the best gain in four months, while US consumer spending climbed at its fastest pace in three months, the government reported today.

The Commerce Department said consumer spending rose 0.7 per cent in July. It was the best gain since a 1.2 per cent rise in April and followed a much weaker 0.2 per cent June increase.

The 0.7 per cent rise in personal incomes follows off a 0.5 per cent June increase and was the fastest advance since a 1 per cent increase in March.

The statistics on Americans' income growth and spending habits provided fresh evidence that the economy is not in danger of tipping into a recession. The report showed that consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity, is being bolstered by healthy gains in income.

Just a month ago, economists were not as certain about the state of the economy. However, a string of government statistics since then have shown that the economy, and in particular the consumer sector, is not as weak as we feared.

Last month, the government reported that consumer spending, after removing the effects of inflation, had declined in both May and June. But in today's report, the inflation-adjusted figures were revised upward to show modest increases of 0.1 per cent in both May and June.

On Tuesday, the government significantly revised upwards its estimate of total economic growth, showing that the gross national product was growing at a healthy annual rate of 2.7 per cent in the April-June quarter instead of the anemic 1.7 per cent GNP rate originally reported. Most of that revision stemmed from the fact that the rate of consumer spending was doubled from what the government originally estimated.

Today's report showed that consumer spending continued to be strong going into the first month of the July-September quarter. Many economists have been busy revising upward their estimates for overall economic growth this year, pushing their forecasts closer to the 2.9 percent GNP target set by the White House.

The July report showed that Americans' income after taxes also rose 0.7 per cent in July, down slightly from a 0.8 per cent after-tax increase in June.

With incomes growing at the same rate as spending in July, Americans' savings rate — savings as a per cent of disposable income — held steady at 5.7 per cent, the highest level since a 6.2 per cent rate in March.

The key component of the income category, wages and salaries, increased \$25.4 billion in July, up substantially from a \$17.6 billion June increase. This advance occurred despite the fact that payrolls at manufacturing companies rose by only \$1.4 billion, down from a June increase of \$2.9 billion.

On the spending side, the \$25.4 billion rise in personal consumption spending, which includes everything except interest payments on debt, compared with a \$6.6 billion June advance.

## Bankers optimistic on medium-term trends

# Long-resilient economy losing

BEIRUT, Aug 30. (Reuters): Whoever is winning the latest battle of Beirut, Lebanon's long-resilient economy is losing.

"It is testing our will to survive and preserve our way of life," says Fouad Abi Saleh, president of the Association of Lebanese Industrialists. "It is a great trial, which we are not winning in an economic sense."

After 14 years of civil war, it may seem miraculous that Lebanon has an economy at all.

But light industry — garments, leather goods, food, plastics, furniture and jewellery — sprung up surprisingly to replace the banking finance and tourism killed off by the first few years of fighting.

"Now factories nation-wide are suffering," said Abi Saleh.

Abi Saleh's association covers

all Lebanon. "We have made it a point of honour not to admit that the political situation should split us in any way," he said.

He estimates that factory production has dropped by 75 per cent in the Christian enclave besieged by Syrian troops and their Lebanese leftist and Muslim allies.

Yet local bankers are optimistic on medium-term trends.

"We are opening letters of credit, some extending six months or more, for importers under threat of boom," it seems they have hope," said a bank executive who declined to be named.

"Customers are still saving. I think 1989 will be a good year for the bank in spite of everything. The will to survive is still strong. Lebanon will never collapse."

A factor which helped businesses survive this long was the dramatic plunge of the exchange rate since the mid-1980s which made Lebanese products cheap abroad.

In July 1984 the pound was still worth more than 20 US cents. Last week it was 534 to the dollar.

Gabriel Atallah, general manager of Transorient Bank, said import/export activity, which his bank finances, had dropped by two-thirds during the shelling and blockade of the past five months.

"But we still issue letters of credit to importers — the country must live."

Although gunners shell the Christian coastline nightly Atallah says the fall in imports is caused mainly by reduced buying

power. "When people spend all their evenings in the shelter, why should they buy suits and dresses for parties?"

"We need peace. Give them peace and in one or two months you will see miracles."

Abi Saleh said production could climb to 80 per cent of its previous level if shelling stopped and the blockade were lifted to allow supplies of fuel, raw materials, semi-finished goods and spare parts.

But the economy is also losing long-term ground as industrialists fail to modernise or diversify.

"We have to recuperate in investing before we see any blooming," Abi Saleh said. "Our country will lack credibility for some time."

CAIRO, Aug 30. (Reuters): Many Egyptians in a rocky economy find it difficult to balance dwindling incomes with soaring prices, but they do have one window of opportunity — the summer sales.

Cairo's shops and department stores are experiencing an unprecedented surge of business during the frenzied summer month when retailers cast off old stock at rock-bottom prices.

"Our sales have more than tripled during the past two weeks, although this is only our third sales season," said Wadie Naguib, manager at a private clothing shop in the Egyptian capital.

"People queue from the early morning to get a shirt, a suit or pyjamas because we offer real discounts of up to 80 per cent," he told Reuters.

Police provide security for many central shops thronged with enthusiastic crowds of shoppers eagerly hunting for bargains.

Store windows throughout the sprawling city of more than 12 million people are covered with huge signs proclaiming "sale" and "50 per cent discount".

Egypt has foreign debts of around \$50 billion, the annual inflation is estimated at more than 25 per cent, unemployment is growing, and industrial production is in the doldrums.

Ordinary Egyptians, who have seen their purchasing power decline steadily as prices rise, say they have to spend more and more on food, leaving little for clothing and other needs.

"If you have five months to feed and you get only 150 pounds (\$60) a month, you don't have much left to think about clothes," said Mobsen Tawfik, a government worker and father of four.

The official average monthly salary for civil servants is little more than 100 pounds (\$40).

For low-income Egyptians, what spare cash they have goes into the summer and wintersales.

"I only buy essentials all the year round. But I really go shopping during sales," said housewife Omayma Abdel Rehim.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar to dollar exchange rate to 0.2987/86 from 0.2993/44 on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal interbank deposits were generally steady in thin trade today but some long-term maturities displayed a firmer tone as operators bought riyals to swap into dollars on the forward market.

Dealers said there were still no fresh factors to give the market direction, but some arbitrage deals in six-month to one year's time were reported.

"People are trying to generate cheap dollars on the forward market, which could be pushing up rates a little — but there isn't really much happening," one dealer said.

The one-month to three-month maturities were steady for the fifth consecutive day at 8-13/16, 11-1/16 per cent. Six-months to one year edged around 1-1/16 point higher to 8-7/8, 3/4.

Spot-next was 7-7/8, 1/2 per cent for Saturday-Thursday.

Marketing strategy flexible

## SABIC profits jump

RIYADH, Aug 30. (OPECNA): The Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) earned \$486.6 million in profits during the first six months of the current year, an increase of \$2.9 million over the same period last year.

The announcement was made by SABIC vice-chairman and chief executive Ibrahim Ibn Salamah on Sunday, describing the performance as "highly successful" given the current "softening" in world petrochemical prices.

He said SABIC's marketing strategy was flexible enough to enable the company to maintain its share "in the face of an increasingly competitive world market."

Ibn Salamah noted that the expansion of SABIC affiliate Ibn Al Baytar, also known as the National Chemical Fertilizer Company, was "on schedule". The company, which manufactures 500,000 tonnes of ammonium per year, is adding units designed to produce 800,000 tonnes of compound fertilisers, 500,000 tonnes of granular urea and 10,000 tonnes of liquid ammonia a year.

SABIC is also studying the construction of a naphtha cracker for the production of polypropylene. It also intends to increase its ethylene manufacturing capacity. The diversification move is aimed at reducing the effect of price fluctuations on the company.

Out of a total production of 4.5 million tons in the first half of the year, SABIC shipped out 4.4 million tonnes, with the Middle East as its top market (41 per cent), followed by the Far East (18 per cent), Europe (15 per cent), Southeast Asia (12 per cent), North America (eight per cent), the Indo-Pakistan subcontinent (three per cent) and Africa (two per cent).

## Economic ties 'excellent'

Italian firm wins contract

TEHRAN, Aug 30. (OPECNA): Italian ambassador to Iran Vittorio Farinelli has described overall relations between the two countries as "excellent", especially in trade and economic co-operation, with mutual trade in 1988 totalling \$925 million, \$51 million of it Iranian exports.

In an interview published here at the weekend, he said that Italian firms were engaged in a number of major development projects, including the Mobarakeh Steel Complex near Isfahan. He added that Italy's Gci Company had won contracts for the construction of two power stations, while another firm had won a contract to build the country's seventh refinery at Arak.

He disclosed that Italian companies were also taking part in the construction of a petrochemical plant at Arak, as well as building an olefin unit at Fabriz, northeastern Iran.

The Italian official said that a contract for laying the Iqat-II gas pipeline had already been awarded to Italian firms. He did not name the companies, but added that they were also involved in the construction of an oil pipeline across the Iranian coastline on the Gulf, as well as carrying out construction work on Kharg island — one of Iran's main oil export terminals.

The number of Italian firms taking part in the Tehran international trade fair opening here next week would increase this year, he said, adding "though our participation is going to be little it was last year but the number of Italian firms that want to take part has proved to be greater than forecast earlier."

Twenty-six companies have so far applied to take part in the Tehran fair, including Fiat, which would exhibit heavy construction equipment.

Participants, mainly representing mechanical industries, will also display machine tools used in construction and for plastic manufacturing. Other equipment on show will cover textiles, information systems and computers.

## Credit cards suspended

AMMAN, Aug 30. (Reuters): Visa International, the US-based credit card company, has stopped honouring Visa cards issued by its Jordanian agent Petra Bank, bankers said yesterday.

This suspension affects Visa cards issued by Cairo Amman Bank and Arab Jordan Investment Bank who clear payments through Petra Bank, now being managed by the government, Bassam Atar, told Reuters. The action by Visa International took effect on Monday, but would last only three or four days.

He ascribed the move, affecting Visa cards used outside Jordan, to "technical difficulties."

Jawad Hadid, deputy general manager of Arab Jordan Investment Bank, said Petra Bank had told him delays in some payments to Visa International would be settled shortly.

"We are the victims of a situation for which we are not responsible," Hadid told Reuters.

## Tokyo stock prices

Nikkei stock average	34471.66	Mitsubishi Corporation	1560
(+215.99)	Volume: 500 mill shs	Mitsubishi Estate	2400
Yen exchange rate 143.08	Yen exchange rate 143.08	Mitsubishi Heavy Ind	1140
Name of stock	Cing	Mitsui Real Estate	2450
Advantest Corporation	4900	Mizuno Corporation	1730
Ajinomoto	2860	Mochida Pharmaceutical	3750
Alpe Electric	1770	Mori Seiki Co., Ltd.	4160
Amada	1890	NEC Corporation	1860
Asahi Chemical Indus	1210	Nikon Corporation	1470
Asahi Glass	2340	Nippon Shiman	1690
C. Itoh Co.	990	Nippon Steel Corp	799
Canon Inc.	1750	Nipponenso Co., Ltd.	2510
Daikin Printing	2390	Nitsuko Corporation	1480
Daikin Seiyaku	3050	Okuma Machinery Work	1670
Daishinoppon Pharmaceut	2730	Orix Corporation	5200
Daishinpo Corp	1840	Pioneer Electronic C	4260
Eisa	2190	Renova Look Inc.	2390
Eamic Ltd.	6650	Sanyo Electric Co.	873
Fuji Photo Film Co.	4580	Secon Co., Ltd.	7900
Fujitsu Ltd.	1580	Shin-Etsu Chemical C	1820
Hitachi Credt	1860	Shinden Electric	1170
Hitachi Koki	1860	Sony Corporation	8780
Hitachi Ltd.	1590	Sumitomo Elec. Ind.	1560
Hitachi Metal	1570	Sumitomo Metal Ind.	774
Honda Motor	1920	Takeda Chemical Ind.	2500
Ito-Yokado Co., Ltd.	4400	TDK Corporation	5700

## People



French actress Isabelle Adjani: haunted by the ghost of Rodin's tragic mistress.

## Rodin's lover in torment

## Beauty and the ghost

When stunning beauty Isabelle Adjani started playing the part of ill-starred Camille Claudel, strange things happened. She began to look, sound and feel like the famous sculptor's tormented lover, who died in a lunatic asylum.

By Mary Kemp

A STRANGE change has come over France's most beautiful and talented film star. Her face, her voice and even her inner emotions have been taken over by a long-dead and tormented woman.

And gamin Isabelle Adjani claims that the experience of playing Rodin's tragic sculptress mistress, Camille, helped her through one of the blackest times of her life.

In London to promote her movie about the girl, Camille Claudel, 33-year-old Isabelle told me how a malicious rumour had swept France saying she was dying of AIDS. It was then that Isabelle's role of reviled "kept woman" Camille helped her to come to terms with her agony.

And it also helped Isabelle to portray more poignantly the woman who still haunts her every day of her life. As she spoke, the actress's pale scrubbed complexion, deep blue eyes and full, generous lips bore a remarkable resemblance to the few remaining photographs of Camille.

She said: "The AIDS episode was a very tough sequence of my life. For a while I knew what Camille Claudel must have felt. I knew what persecution was. I was very isolated."

"My son was taunted at school. I had to fight the possibility of becoming paranoid or having a nervous breakdown."

In the end, Isabelle went on television to nail the lie. They began when suffering from exhaustion and anaemia, she abandoned a stage production of Strindberg's *Miss Julie* before the first night.

She told me philosophically: "I guess the experience has made me stronger. The more you grow, the better actress you become." But that black period of her life drew Isabelle closer to the sad, ghostly figure of Camille, who died in a lunatic

asylum.

Isabelle's ex-lover Bruno Nuytten, who directed the film, noticed how Rodin's mistress was taking over the actress's life.

Bruno, father of Isabelle's 10-year-old son Barnabé, told me: "Ever since Isabelle went to an exhibition of Camille's sculptures in Paris, she has been deeply, deeply impressed by her. By the time we had finished the film, I couldn't tell if she was Camille or Isabelle."

"Sometimes I couldn't recognise Isabelle. Her voice would be different, and so would the way she moved. I know she found it very hard to get rid of the character, and maybe she's never over it now."

Isabelle added: "I agree that I am finding it difficult to shake Camille off. Usually I get rid of the character I've been playing more quickly than this. It's ridiculous to carry on. It took me several years to get into Camille, I hope it's not going to take that long to lose her."

But perhaps 45-year-old Bruno, with his shoulder-length mane of brown hair, is partly to blame for Isabelle's haunting. He told me: "Although we kept the usual relationship you have between director and actress I, of course, knew a lot about Isabelle. Sometimes I was able to put things I knew about her into dialogue or situations in the film. I could make a mix between Camille and Isabelle which was very successful."

## Now

And Isabelle, who has already won several best actress awards for her performance as Camille, painstakingly researched the role. So that she could get the true feel of being a sculptress, Isabelle took lessons at the Beaux Arts university in Paris.

Isabelle said: "I went along with my co-star Gerard Depardieu, who plays Rodin. Bruno wanted us both to feel comfortable

and to see what it felt like to be a sculptor. It's true that touching a sculpture is as important as looking at it. I wasn't conscious of this before."

For Isabelle, there was something very special about the whole project from the start. Even today, she refers to the movie as "my baby". That is why the girl, who is private almost to the point of being a recluse in the big house in Paris where she lives with Barnabé, agreed to come to London to be interviewed.

As she sat opposite her ex-lover, both dressed in black trouser suits, Isabelle explained: "I am not a socialite and I don't like publicity. But this film is very special. It is like a baby to me."

And so it should be. For Isabelle put the money up for the movie, co-produced it and begged the Claudel family to let her have the rights they owned to the story. She has also spent the past three years of her life working on being the tragic Camille Claudel. And, although the film is finished, the shade of Rodin's mistress lingers on. The film has made Camille a celebrity, long after her death, and her few remaining sculptures have shot up in value. But some instinct has prevented Isabelle from cashing in.

She explained: "When I first started the project, I was offered one or two of Camille's pieces. I knew they would become much more valuable after the movie was released. But I didn't buy the sculptures. Firstly, I didn't want to exploit Camille. And secondly, I felt superstitious about the whole thing. One of Camille's statues sold for eight millions francs the other day."

But there have also been bonuses for Isabelle, who inherits her stunning, cover-girl looks from a German mother and blue-eyed Algerian father.

For one thing, it has brought her closer

to Bruno again. The couple parted after a stormy 11-year relationship. He found Isabelle's fame too hard to live with.

## Chance

She was able to give Bruno, a top cinematographer, his first chance to be a director. He, in return, handled her as an actress with a sure and intimate knowledge.

She told me: "It helped tremendously that I knew Bruno so well. I was never scared to express anything I needed to. For example, whether I felt scared, insecure, happy or unhappy. I never had to think. 'How am I going to tell the director this or that, in case I upset him.' I could just be me."

But, although the couple grew close professionally, as they worked together day and night, they were still a thousand miles apart romantically. Bruno told me: "I was director, Isabelle was the leading actress — you can't mix anything else into that."

"Of course, Barnabé, Isabelle and I were sometimes together somewhere. But not on the set. We were there to make a film about Camille Claudel, not to run a family."

Isabelle went on: "Bruno and I have something that is going to keep us together for ever. The other day I asked him, 'How come we didn't get married?' He replied, 'Maybe tomorrow.'

"But, really, our relationship is very simple now. We are just good friends. Maybe when we become enemies, we'll be able to get married."

Isabelle went on: "When we were filming, I knew that Bruno could see if I was feeling all right or if I was uncomfortable and why. He would point this out before I had a chance to say anything. It was like a silent and constant dialogue."



Stills from the movie in which Isabelle Adjani stars as Rodin's mistress Camille Claudel.

## Bombay round-up

## Y. Chopra's true love

## Doting on 'Chandni'

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

LIKE a first-time father being worried and over cautious about his new-born girl, Yash Chopra remains very touchy while talking about his big new film *Chandni*. While he is eager to tell about it, he also keeps back a lot, fearing that the evil eye may fall on it.

"I have been dreaming of making this film for a long long time," he says with pride. "I wonder why I did not take it up earlier." Then he adds quickly: "It's good in a way. I got the right cast, didn't I?"

We don't have the heart to ask him about the story which as everyone knows is a triangular romance. But he ventures to say: "Usually we make films to satisfy everybody. But sometimes one feels like making one from the heart, to fulfill one's own desire. *Chandni* is one such film. Yet, it is not a lyrical or artistic smalie. We have kept a big canvas, costly sets, foreign locations, rich dresses and not cut any corners."

That way, taking three top stars by itself goes to make a big budget film. About this obsession he says: "Only stars with charisma can carry off a love story. Sri Devi has got that in her. She does it with that certain sentiment". But originally Yash was drolling over Rekha as the *Chandni* of his dreams. He admitted that the other *Southie* actress was the first choice but it was long ago, just after *Silsila*, which was also sentimental but flopped. "When the whole set-up changed, Rekha could not fit in," says Yash, "there were no actors to match her present state, certainly not Rishi and Vinod Khanna".

This argument may not hold water but it is the film maker's choice. Yash diplomatically says that both Sri and Rekha are high-grade actresses, it is foolish to compare them. He of course did not say how angry Rekha got on being dropped. We can understand that Rishi with Sri being the hit pair of *Nagma* would be more marketable and Vinod would add the touch of the strong, hurt, silent he-man, as he did in *Qurbani*, another successful love triangle. In any case, it is

like *Sangam*, with the original South queen Vyjayantimala sandwiched between Raj Kapoor and Rajendra Kumar.

Rishi and Sri Devi are in love.

Vinod enters her life. Both find a new meaning. And then Rishi comes back.... the good old ploy of Tennyson's "Enoch Arden".

*Chandni* meaning the girl and the film, cannot do without a coating of the mystical. The producer — director calls her a fragrant breeze, a demand of time, perfumed breath, heart-beat and what not. He says that when the word love was invented, flowers must have bloomed, new songs born and the world become scented. Yash thinks that *Chandni* is a thought and also a reality, it is a dream and also a part of life, it is an illusion and also a faith. To each his own. Well...

Before Yash can get any more lyrical, we corner him about the infatuation for this name *Chandni*. It sounds a bit cheap for a

woman and Rekha was already called that in *Silsila*. Yash rushes to the defence: "Chandni is a beautiful name. I love this word, it is my love. It suggests cool white beauty. It is not a mere word, it is a mirror of sentiments".

Such a film should have catchy songs and lovely music to grip attention and get repeat value.

Yash has again gone back to *Silsila*. Hari Prasad Chaurasia

is a famous flute player, while

Shiv Kumar specialises in san

toor. Both refuse to give music in

action revenge films. They only

do it for Yash's romantic films.

But being classically based, they

are not successful with movie

songs. *Ujjay* and *Faasla* both

failed. For *Chandni* they have

created nine tunes, like "Mera

jaan main tujh mein apni jaan

rakh doon". "Mere haathon

mein nau nau chudiyon," not all

of them good.



Vinod Khanna and Sri Devi in 'Chandni'.

## Neelam: no dummy

Q. Like Sonam's aunt Sabia, your aunt Shahnaaz seems to be dominating your life. Is it true that you speak in her voice or vice versa?

A. It's all hogwash. My aunty has groomed me and shaped my career at every step. She has protected me. Can she be anything but a well-wisher? People spread these stories to break up any good relationship.

Q. Are you fast becoming a screen doll, or rather a disco-dancing doll?

A. I am nobody's dummy. I know my roles, try to play them as best as I can. See me in the better scenes needing intensity. Dances have become a 'must' since *Jawan* and *Ilaam*. They are thrust on me.

Q. But have you made much progress in the steps and the body jerks of dances, too?

A. It's all up to the dance director. We dance to his/her steps, except for adding a little of our own. If we had not progressed, then we have not. But I think disco is spreading out. Moreover it's a dance which does not need much of serious setting. In a film, we dance only on little pieces of tunes. Even the group or the crowd dances freely as they like, without a strict pattern.

## Hot spot

THE threatened kidnapping of Rekha for a ransom of twenty lakh rupees became a much talked-about affair. All its pros and cons were discussed in film offices and cocktail parties in threadbare detail. One clever chap even went to the police and got the views of the criminal Harddev Singh Ojhala who had hatched a conspiracy to take off with Rekha.

The whole thing started because Bombay's daily papers have also become film-news-hungry. But then who is not caring for a good image and bumper publicity, which includes the police department as well as stars like Rekha. So a story was given out that mons. sardar (clean shaven Sikh) Ojhala had been arrested along with his accomplice Abhay Shetty near the Palghar village for stealing a car.

Interrogation was made in the custody for this and other crimes, around 45 of which were committed by Ojhala. In fact, he had recently been released from Arthur Road Jail for some of them. During the questioning about the car it became known that he had stolen a businessman's car from the crowded Prabhadevi area and changed the number plate. When the C.I.D. chap brought the info, a sub-inspector chased and caught him with the car.

Then Ojhala is said to have confessed that their actual plan was to kidnap film star Rekha, when she went out jogging, in the early morning, on the lonely roads near her Bandra bandstand bungalow.

Failing that, they might have got her at gun-point when she would leave for her shooting. They had mapped out the route of her car by observing her every day. Then they would have demanded a ransom of twenty lakhs to release her.

Ojhala grandly confessed that he had no other interest in the woman. He had not even seen most of her films. He only wanted to make money and become a Don. And he believed that Rekha must



Rekha waiting around to get kidnapped

have made piles of black money during all these years. But the plot was foiled by the police arresting him in time. This news was given out to selected papers, and prominently published with Rekha's photos of course.

Rekha herself claimed complete ignorance of the whole matter.

She came out with her usual wailing that she was like any other working girl staying all alone and without security at home or in the place of work. "I am careful, but I can't always be too careful", said Rekha, to the tabloids and other mags of Bombay which got good meat to bite on for quite a few days. She also added: "The city is becoming very unsafe."

The net result was that Rekha got a lot of free publicity (especially at a time when Sri

Devi and *Nigahen* are in the limelight) and the police

got a good image. But film folks argued about many loopholes in the story. For one think Rekha stays totally alone, except for a lady secretary and her dog Pisty. From whom then would the criminals expect to recover the ransom? Who would know where Rekha keeps so much of cash in black money and how would they give it?

The musical call "Oyeh, oyeh ... oyeh aza" from the *Tridev* song has led to some unexpected reactions and results. We have noted that composers Kalyanji-Anandji meant it like a mating call and indeed it had the same desired effect. Roadside

Romeos have started giving this cry when they see charming or well-dressed women pass by. So the

Bombay police took a snap decision that anyone shouting "Oyeh" and creating a public nuisance will be fined fifty rupees or a night's stay in jail.

This might prove an indirect boost to *Tridev* and its cassettes, since people will be curious about the song and how it is picturised.

# Musical cure

## Harlem choir saves lives

NATHAN G. SIMMONS, an affable college music major with sights set on Broadway, still remembers the telephone call that turned him away from life on the mean streets of Harlem.

He was ironing his only white shirt nine years ago when the phone rang. Walter Turnbull, director of the Boys Choir of Harlem, was on the line.

"Dr Turnbull... said 'You've been accepted,' and I was just ecstatic," related Simmons, 23. "My mother was sitting at the table... and I told her, and she got on the phone and started calling people. It was an honour... and it kept me off the streets."

As a 14-year-old, Simmons remembers "doing basically nothing except hanging out, meeting people who didn't do much except smoking and drinking a lot of beer."

Crack invaded the neighbourhood a few years later, and many of his former buddies dropped out of high school, "graduating" instead from beer to the cheap, highly addictive smokable cocaine derivative.

But a different world was opening to the teenager. He was performing. He was receiving regular tutoring and counselling and travelling with the choir nationally and internationally, to places other Harlem kids hadn't even heard about.

Troubled Harlem kids are thought to be among the worst academic performers. But under Turnbull's supervision, Simmons went on to college after leaving the Boys Choir in 1984 and is in his final year at Westminster Choir College, in Princeton, New Jersey.

It's not a unique story, according to Turnbull. He says 98 per cent of Boys Choir members — all black and most from desperate Harlem backgrounds — graduate from high school and go on to university. And Simmons' former friends?

"A lot of them have fallen down by the wayside — they're involved in drugs," Simmons said ruefully. "We don't really have a lot of long conversations, because we are in two different worlds. But I could easily have become one of those boys if I wouldn't have developed a sense of direction."

Co-founder of the choir in 1968, Turnbull recently related how he spends 18-hour days overseeing the musical, scholastic and social needs of more than 200 young people ages 8 to 18, including a girls' choir established in 1979.

Turnbull, Simmons and others spoke in Turnbull's office — a room dominated by a Baldwin baby grand piano, partially covered by stacks of sheet music, and by shelves bulging with music books. Piles of documents outlining the choir budget and other business hid most of a nearby table.

The office is in old public school 68, at 127 West 127th street, on a floor rented by the choir. Turnbull spoke over a muted background of major third chords, sung in unison. About 30 boys were warming up in a nearby classroom, its windows covered by heavy wire mesh and overlooking a row of graffiti-disfigured tenements, some boarded up and abandoned.

The towering, robust tenor and former public school teacher took over later, praising and cajoling as he conducted a selection of works including Bach's "Christ lag in Todesbanden" in German. One passage that sounded perfect to the casual listener raised his ire.

"That's unacceptable, what kind of reading is that?" he thundered, slamming a meaty hand down on his note stand. The kids — some in their mid-teens, all clearly respectful — did it again without a murmur.

Turnbull holds a doctorate in music and is proud of the Boys Choir's international reputation of excellence — besides German, the ensemble sings in French, Italian, Hebrew and Latin as well as English and has toured much of Europe. It has sung in St Paul's in London and St Germain des Pres in Paris and started a second trip to Japan in late August.

## Cultists await WW II soldier

# Medic from sky

By Peter O'Loughlin

TANNA, Vanuatu (AP): Each morning the men of Jon Frum village, at the foot of the smoking and rumbling Yasur volcano, raise the US flag and pray for Americans to return to this primitive South Pacific Island.

In a hut beside the flag pole is a crudely lettered board declaring it to be Jon Frum Custom Movement Headquarters.

"We believe the Americans will come and bring us cargo," said Jonas Malman, a villager. "Jon Frum is a spirit, he will bring the cargo."

The islanders say Jon Frum is a spirit who appeared as an American soldier in World War II and handed out supplies to the people of Tanna, one of the chain of islands that make up Vanuatu. No trace of a Jon Frum has been found in US military records.

The villagers live in grass huts, have no electricity or running water and few possessions. But they have never forgotten the Americans in World War II and the fabulous cargoes of clothing, vehicles, soft drinks, gum, candy, cigarettes and canned food they brought with them on their way to fight the Japanese.

The people of Jon Frum village and thousands more on this densely jungled island of 17,000 Melanesians believe that if they can find the right magic, the Americans will return and bestow them with wealth, meaning cargo.

The Jon Frum Movement is one of several so-called cargo cults that exist in Melanesia, a group of islands stretching from New Guinea to New Caledonia.

They believe the cargo they see arriving by ship and plane was sent to them by their ancestors, but that white man's magic has kept them from getting it.

Cults like the Jon Frum Society are always on the lookout for help from a powerful man who may have strong magic.

One cult on Tanna worships the Duke of Edinburgh, the husband of Queen Elizabeth II, and believes he originally came from Tanna. They think he has the power to help get them cargo.

In New Guinea, a cult sought to buy President

"It's a very unique sound," he explained, rejecting attempts at comparison with well-known European boys' choirs. Unlike those, the Harlem ensemble includes tenors and basses as well as the traditional trebles.

"There are those purists who say there is only one way to sing it, but in fact the Boys Choir of Harlem experience is the Boys Choir of Harlem experience," he said. "I don't think anybody could sing spirituals like the Boys Choir... but even if the Boys Choir of Vienna was doing the haydn te deum... there will be a difference in overall feeling from the way we'll do it."

Turnbull also places emphasis on the non-musical opportunities for choir members.

"I am a musician, and the motivation is for excellence in music," he said. "But... how can one not be concerned with whether or not a child is getting properly educated, whether or not a child is being motivated... that's very much part of the agenda."

Tutoring, in subjects ranging from English and mathematics to music theory, is provided six days a week, and some kids go to the choir's own school. Choir members must maintain a "B" average (the equivalent of a 2 in a European school).

Three full-time counsellors give year-round career, family and adolescent counselling. During the summer, when many other Harlem kids dodge drug dealers and bullets, choir members attend day camp in New York City and live-away camp in the Connecticut countryside.

The choir has received international rave reviews, and First Lady Barbara Bush, wife of the US President, commented after a June 5 White House performance that the choir's programme of all-round care should be duplicated around the world.

But Turnbull and his aides have trouble funding even the one operation.

Despite some generous corporate donations, the programme is chronically short of money — \$300,000 were lacking in May from a projected budget of \$1.4 million, although the choir is fully booked with paying performance dates.

Turnbull said the staff does what it can, despite financial difficulties and invoked the choir's slogan, "Boys Choir of Harlem saves lives."

"Many kids would have nothing to do, their lives would have no direction" if not for the choir, he explained. "And so it saves lives... and if we can save one, that's good."

Most of the children come from one-parent, low-income or welfare families, and Turnbull said the counsellors often have their hands full.

"There are problems within the family, with siblings... who might be dealing or messing with drugs, or in some cases even parents," he said. "Poverty is the main problem, it all boils down to poverty."

"Sometimes parental problems are so severe that they make it difficult to come to rehearsals every day, and once they stop coming every day they kind of fall," said Turnbull, acknowledging that some members drop out.

The boys also have to fight peer pressure from outsiders.

"Many kids are ribbed (taunted)," Turnbull said. "But then, their comeback is, 'Have you ever been to Japan? Have you been to Europe? Have you travelled to the Caribbean?'

"There are all kinds of things that kids in the Boys Choir of Harlem get to do that most kids would never get the chance to do."

Those opportunities occasionally extend to lessons in etiquette. A few years back, Turnbull personally helped some of the children brush up on basic table manners before a tour of France.

More recently, Sandra Snowden, president of a consulting firm specialising in international business protocol, negotiation and entertainment, volunteered instruction on how to act while in Japan — everything from eating with chopsticks to how to say "Ohayo-gozaimasu (good morning)."



## Freedom in fashion

"I hope that the 90's will be marked by a vast amount of freedom in fashion, so that everyone will be able to express themselves personally according to their individual tastes. The historical will be mixed with the ethical, the classic with the baroque, day-wear with evening-wear, knitwear with lame, imitation fur with authentic jewellery, tweed with brocade. Everyone will mix the proportions according to their morphology, choosing either purity or a combination of styles according to their mood and finally expressing themselves by means of hairstyle and make-up. It will be non-fashion, the end of dictates and the reign of individual freedom."

Christian Lacroix

## Barbara Bush endorses pearls

# Big, bold and layered

AS clothing leans toward a pared-down classic look and a tailored but feminine silhouette, accessories become the focal point — especially jewelry, which truly shines this season.

The Jon Frum Movement is one of the oldest of Vanuatu's cargo cults. Its origins are obscure. Some anthropologists say it may date to the 1930s and could have arisen as a reaction to missionary efforts to abolish traditional customs such as polygamy and drinking kava, a potent local brew.

The movement got a powerful boost during World War II when many Tannese were sent to other islands to work for the Americans who used the islands, then called New Hebrides, as a staging base in their Pacific campaign.

When the Tannese saw black US soldiers handling cargo and getting food and supplies like the white man, they were impressed by their magic.

At this time, according to studies of the cult, the Tannese believe Jon Frum reappeared as a black medical corpsman.

The movement adopted the Red Cross as their insignia. They planted dozens of wooden red crosses at the foot of their volcano in the hope this would encourage the return of Jon Frum and the cargo.

After the Americans moved on, a Tannese declared himself king of America and built a crude airstrip in the jungle with a bamboo replica of a control tower and "radios" made of tin cans and string in hopes of attracting planes to land, as they had seen them do at US air bases.

Others built copies of refrigerators, opening the doors several times a day, hoping to find cold beer the way the Americans had done.

The British and French who jointly governed the New Hebrides until 1980 outlawed the cult and frequently jailed its leaders.

The national government that followed also curbed its activities.

But the Jon Frum Movement continues to flourish on this dark, rugged island dominated by the smoking 900-foot (275-metre) volcano, whose ash is slowly choking large areas of once-productive coconut plantation around the village.

Look closely at the surface of each pearl. It should feel smooth and be free of burrs, pits and blemishes.

The size and shape of each pearl should

be consistent, and the necklace should be perfume resistant in order to maintain colour and lustre.

Fine faux pearls can be cleaned by wiping with a soft cloth.

"There are some good-looking imitations on the market today," said Freddy Kohn, president of the Cultured Pearl Association of America. "But what's really important is how a woman feels when she is wearing them."

Christian Dior Bijoux plans to introduce a new line of "original classics" this fall known as the Signature collection.

"What we're seeing in our segment of the market is jewelry that is valid not just for a single season but for years," said Claire Kellam, executive vice president for Grosses Jewels-New York, the exclusive licensee for Christian Dior jewelry.

"Women are buying fewer, more expensive pieces of fashion jewelry," she said. "The customer is definitely trading up."

Dior's new line features styles that interpret the classic "CD" motif, such as an 18-karat gold electroplate necklace set with European crystal pave stones, along with sporty pieces that combine sterling silver with 18-karat gold vermeil.

Trifari, another leading manufacturer, is leaning toward rich, regal jewel tones for fall, from the proper purple of amethyst to the opulence of black jet for luxe, art deco appeal.

Trifari offers Renaissance-inspired interlinked chains with braided gold detailing and engraved accents in crimson. Chains and beaded combinations come in a versatile 24-inch (60 cm) length.

Bold button earrings are back for fall, along with lightweight hoops in gold and silver. Also popular are earrings in a variety of shapes — hearts, stars, triangles, squares and teardrops (UPI).



Making a statement with jewelry this autumn. (UPI)

## Taking the worry out of wooing

JAPAN'S battle of the sexes used to be simple: men won. But a widening gap between what today's young men and women want from each other has many men desperate for brides and running scared.

They are so scared that 50 men are signing up for the integrated course at Keiko Higuchi's Bridgeman School, billed here as a first-of-its-kind institution of learning. The goal is to demystify women.

For the equivalent of about \$380, the men will get an 11-session course in what the modern Japanese woman wants from life, marriage and family. Professors, medical doctors and journalists are scheduled to lecture.

Ms Higuchi, a women's studies professor at Tokyo's Keio University, expects that most students will be single and shopping for a spouse, but married men also are welcome. The only requirement is that an applicant be a high school graduate.

The idea for the course grew out of Ms Higuchi's belief that men don't understand today's Japanese women, who are economically and emotionally more independent than their mothers. Rather than teach a man how to trap a bride, the school's aim will be to instruct men in how to be independent, understanding partners.

"There is a new wind blowing in Japanese society," the school's information pamphlet says. "Women have begun to change by seeking a more lucrative existence, a richer life and a better relationship to men."

The Japanese have always been the marrying kind: only 4 per cent remain single in their late 40s, and the divorce rate is among the lowest in the world, government statistics show.

But a worrisome gap has developed in people's expectations of marriage. Some women are delaying marriage and rejecting the traditional roles of wife and mother, while men continue to cling to the status quo.

This has sent both sexes running to matchmaking services — video-voiced-equipped sites of the traditional kind.

From mom-and-pop shop to slick, pricey operations, these services are thriving in Japan's cities, fuelled by high fees from their mostly male clients.

The marriage information business, which didn't even exist a decade ago, does an annual business worth 21 billion yen (\$145 million) according to the Japan Economic Journal.

In Tokyo alone, there are more than 220 private matchmaking services.

The "Yamato Tsuba Circle" has about 20,000 members who pay upwards of 317,000 yen (\$2,250) for a menu of services that include introductions to three people a month. Some 230 counsellors consider personal data, psychological factors and even favourite colours to match prospective mates.

"Young ladies never can promise," says Kazuo Niijima, manager of the service. "Men, by comparison, are passive in their condition for a wife."

Men, he said, seem to require only a woman under certain age and no previous marriages. Women seek men with college degrees, career ambitions, warm personalities, exciting lifestyles and a sense of fashion.

Japanese men, lacking time, inclination and necessity to court women, have relied on matchmakers: arrange marriages to women who will provide children as stable home. Love, although often an unexpected bonus developed later, was rare part of the marriage deal. Marriages were common.

Researchers say arranged marriages still take place in many as 25 per cent of today's couplings, but matchmaking services are replacing traditional go-betweens.

Young men, bound first to their companies of professionals, lack opportunities to meet women, especially in urban areas where community ties are loose. And unlike their fathers, they face a herd of women armed with long shopping lists of requirements for husband.

That's why Satoshi Nozaki, a former kimono salesman, started the marriage academy in Osaka. Aimed at sweeping a woman off her feet and toward the altar, Nozaki's 22-step program includes role-playing, a mix of female psychology and comedy routines to learn to attract a woman. (AP)

كما من العمل

## EVENTS

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
9.15 Sabah Al Khar News and Variety  
9.30 Cartoons  
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite  
10.15 Asr Al Hob: Daily Arabic serial (Part 12)  
11.00 Sabah Al Khar News and Variety  
11.15 Abdillah Monseer: local serial (Part 7)  
12.00 Sabah Al Khar News and Variety  
12.15 Castle (Al Hesen): recreational program

1.00 News Summary  
1.05 The World Today via Satellite  
1.30 Al Shinaekal: cartoon serial  
2.00 Variety  
2.15 Al Hija Ilia Al Watan: Arabic serial (Part 10)  
3.15 Innah Al Haq: religious programme, prepared and presented by Abdillah Hameed Al Zanadani  
3.35 Al Tenseem Al Saeer: cartoon serial  
4.00 Awiad Jaha: Children play, starring Abdul Rahman Aqel, Ayesha Ibrahim, Majed Sul-

tan and Jasem Al Saleh  
6.00 Variety  
6.30 Night chemists, airlines and official announcements  
7.00 Egypt: information message  
7.30 Monuments in the World: cultural film (Part 3)  
8.00 Popular Variety  
8.30 Maa Al Islam: religious programme, prepared and presented by Dr Khaled Al Mathkour  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.45 Ana Wa Inta Wa Baba Fi Al Mishnash: Arabic serial (Part 9)  
10.45 Al Ittihad Al Nissa: Arabic feature film, starring Ahmad Mabbar, Maddeeha Kamel, and Hussain Al Sharbeen  
12.30 Special Variety  
1.25 News Summary  
1.30 The World Today via Satellite  
1.55 Holy Quran and Closedown

## FRIDAY

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
9.15 Cartoons  
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite  
10.15 Variety  
10.30 Al Ahadeeth Al Mawdua: religious programme  
11.00 Friday Prayers  
12.30 Alwan: variety programme, prepared by Mohammed Al Fares and presented by Fatima Abdul Wahab  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 The World Today via Satellite

1.30 Istirahat Al Jomaa: variety programme  
3.30 Cartoons

4.00 Hindi film: Ek Hi Bhookh, starring: Jeetendra, Rekha  
6.00 Variety  
6.30 Night chemists, airlines and official announcements  
7.00 Kuwait in a Week: documentary programme  
7.30 KTV programme in a week  
8.15 Popular Variety  
8.40 Hadeeth Al Osbo: religious programme, presented by Sheikh

Ali Al Jassar  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.45 Wrestling  
10.30 Kalem: variety programme, with show guests Bousi and Noura  
11.45 News Summary  
11.50 The World Today via Satellite  
12.15 Holy Quran and Closedown

## KTV 2

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
6.10 The Real Ghostbusters: Cartoon serial  
6.30 Take Heart: An educational programme for children  
7.00 Intruders: Toad In The Cane: Toads are night animals in Australia which are mostly found in cane farms  
7.30 T and T: 'Private Eyes': The mob chases a young boy to prevent his father from giving his testimony before a court

8.00 News in English  
8.30 Beauty and the Beast  
9.30 TV Bloopers and Practical Jokes: A variety of unexpected events and practical jokes

10.30 Feature film: Special Friendship: The story took place during the civil war in America where Elizabeth sets her slave-women, Mary free and both co-operate with the Union Army  
12.00 News in Brief  
12.15 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown

## FRIDAY

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
6.10 Silver Hawks: Cartoon serial  
6.30 Inter Bang: Gianni and Bruno receive help

## PRAYERS

Fajr 4.02 am  
Zahr 11.45  
Asr 3.21 pm  
Maghreb 6.15  
Isha'a 7.30

## FRIDAY

Fajr 4.03 am  
Friday prayer 11.45  
Asr 3.21 pm  
Maghreb 6.15  
Isha'a 7.29

from a young Chinese woman while the killer is chasing them to get the Tower version

7.00 Walt Disney: 'The Little Shepherd Dog of Catalina'. The story of a dog which lives on good terms and friendship with a farm owner

8.00 News in English  
8.30 Breaking Away: Recreational and entertainment activities carried out by the Touristic Enterprises Company (TEC) in various parts of Kuwait

8.45 Around the World  
9.15 Miami Vice: 'Missing Hours': A corpse disappeared suddenly from the autopsy room. The team finds out that one of its members has signed a releasing receipt but she refuses to co-operate with them

10.00 Valerie: 'Community Theatre': Valerie makes her preparations to produce a play and she selects a beautiful girl as heroine where unexpected surprise awaits

10.30 Moonlighting: 'Perfect': Dave and Maddie undertake the case of a man who alleges that he has committed



A scene from The Real Ghostbusters on KTV 2 at 6.10 pm today.



A scene from Miami Vice on KTV 2 at 9.15 pm on Friday.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



A scene from T and T on KTV 2 at 7.30 pm today.

## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
Red Scorpion  
Ahmadi Drive-in  
Arabic film

Drive-in  
Arabic film

Al Hamra  
Arabic film

Al Fahheel  
- Jantrana  
Al Jaha  
Arabic film

## BOOK REVIEW

## Into the world of imagination again

ALONG Australia's hauntingly beautiful Queensland coast, old Alec lives on a falling-apart houseboat with his scrappy fox terrier, Ben.

Miss Higgins, the welfare lady, is trying to force them into an old folk's home and Alec wants no part of it.

"I got me own boat. I do as I like, come and go as I please. You'll not get me into a home for Old Dodderers," he tells her. "I have me own personal beach — beat that! A film star wouldn't live better than I do. Look at the view. Look at the pelicans and seagulls."

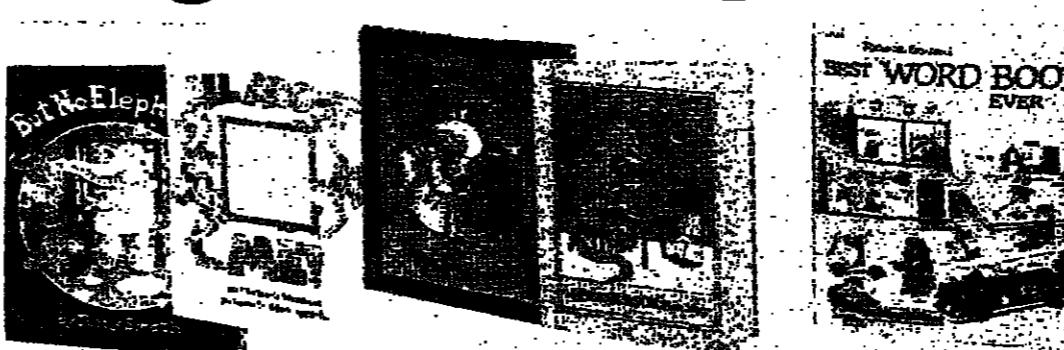
All Miss Higgins can see is the rotting boards, the dirty towel on the line, Alec's wobbly walk and the single can of dogfood in

the cupboards. She vows to have the boat condemned and Alec in the sunshine home.

Alec's savior comes in the person of young Chris. They plan to get the boat ready for a voyage to the great barrier reef. It is though Alec has become young again. He starts writing a list of everything he must do before they set sail. He gets his first good night's sleep in years.

But his dream is shattered in a violent storm. Unexpectedly, the soft bright light of morning brings a happy-ever-after ending. "Waiting for

May by Thyra Davey (doubleday, 32 pp., ages 7 and up) is a jewel. The writing is taunt and feisty. But it is the paintings that are so extraordinary. They carry a wealth of fine detail and masterful light. A nearly perfect book.



Pioneer life in America in the 1870s is the backdrop of *Jenny of the Tetons* by Kristiana Gregory (Harcourt, 125 pp., ages 8-12). Carrie Hill is orphaned in an Indian attack. An English trapper, Beaver Dick, takes her home with him to help his wife care for their five children. To Carrie's dismay, Beaver Dick's wife, Jenny, is a shoshone Indian. From the first day she arrives, Jenny is determined to run away.

That Carrie comes to love Jenny is no surprise. The surprise lies in the authenticity of the details and unfolding of the Indian way of life. This is an achingly sad book, often touched with majesty.

Jan Hudson's *Sweetgrass* (Philomel, 165 pp., ages 8-12) is a gentle coming-of-age story. It unfolds in the furies of Northwestern Canada as Sweetgrass, 15, a blackfoot Indian, tries to save her family and her tribe from smallpox. A lyrical and strong work.

*Albert and Victoria* by Deborah Gangloff and illustrated by Bill Woodman (Crown, 80 pp., ages 8 and up) takes place in, and along, the walls of the best address in Manhattan — the Empire State Building. Albert and Victoria are best friends, two snug little bugs. But Victoria rebels at having to sleep the winter away and decides not to hibernate. A dashing moth, Philippe, carries her to the roof of the building and the heat of the great lights. Albert

feels so alone, and decides to go after her. After all, what's life without friends? A heroic tale, full of charm.

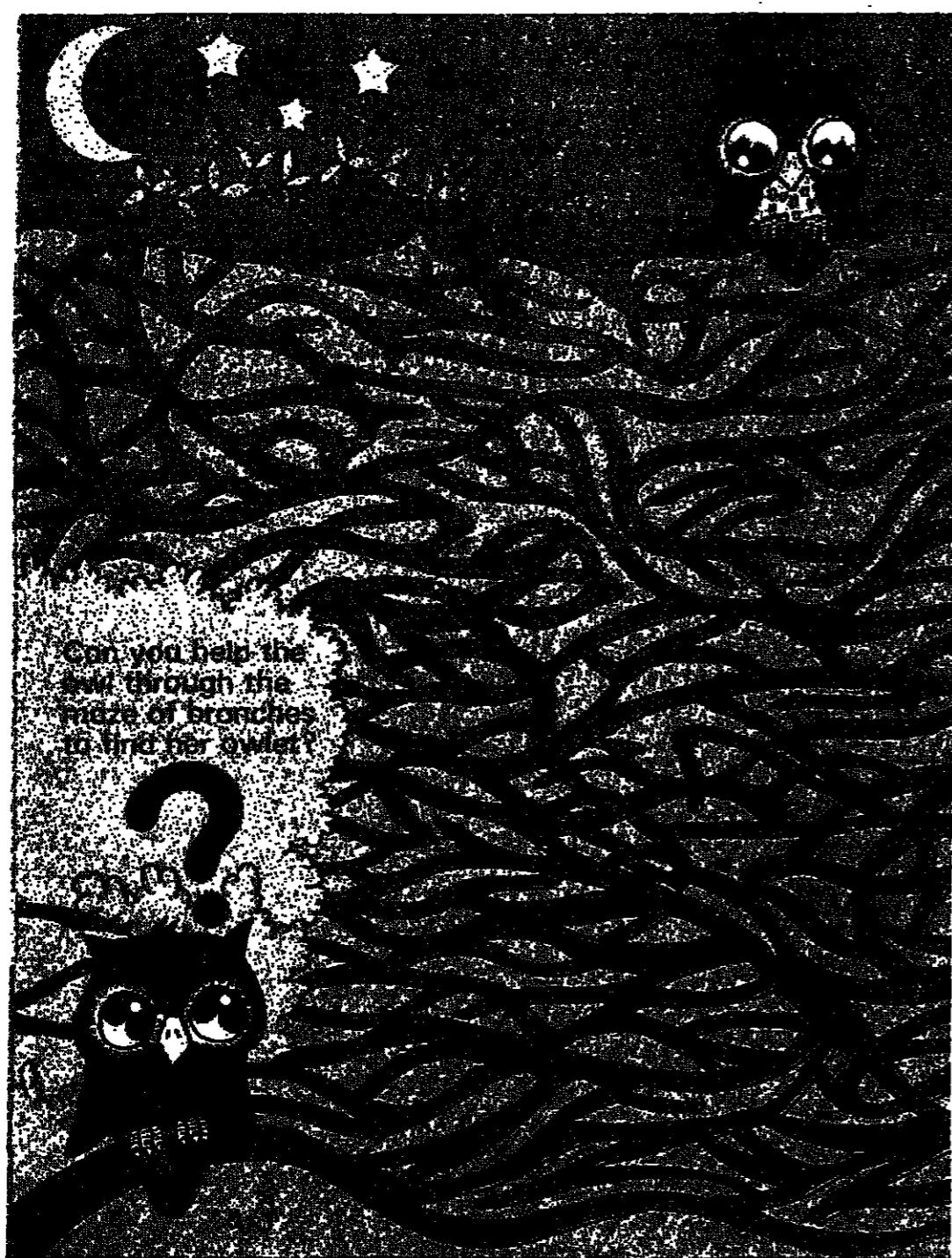
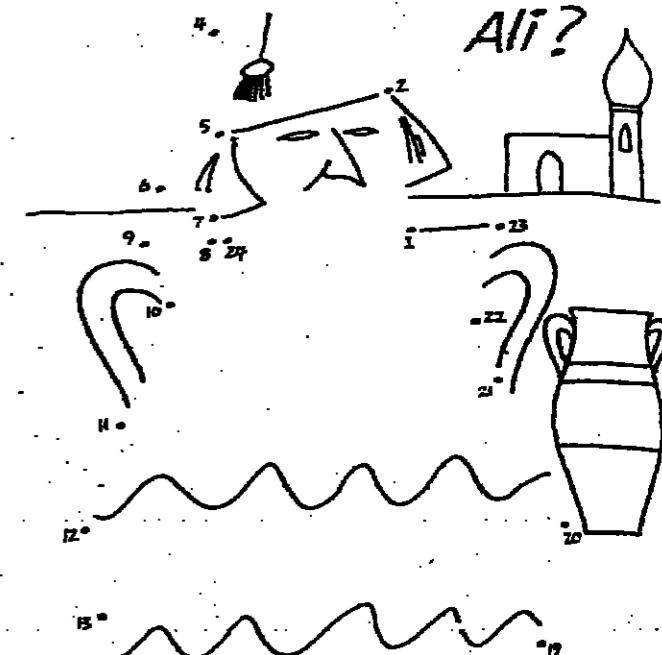
*Rebel's choice* by Patricia Harrison Easton (Harcourt, 160 pp., ages 12 and up) revels in race-track lore. Rob Walsh, 16, comes to spend the summer with his dad at the Farmington Track, hoping to go into business with him. But Rob discovers just how irresponsible his father can be. Increasingly alone, he begins hanging around with a bunch of losers and a six-pack behind barn five. His struggle for self-worth is riveting drama. First rate and convincing.

*Dissidents* by Neal Shusterman (Little, Brown, 190 pp., ages 12 and up) life is not easy for Derrek Ferretti. His mom is the ambassador to the Soviet Union. His sister is perfect. He is in love with the daughter of an exiled dissident and his good friend turns out to be a KGB agent. As improbable as all this sounds, Shusterman has done fine work. There is a good deal of suspense and quirky humour. And just the proper touch of heroics.

*Paddle, Said the Swan* by Gloria Kamen (Atheneum, 32 pp., ages 3-5) the sun rises and the young animals with it. The sun sets and the young animals set off to slumber (or not). Gentle fun and just perfect for settling down for the night.

Join the dots

Where's Ali?



Colouring time



## Just for laughs

A shop assistant saw this man walking round the store shouting out, "Fido! Bonzo! Rover!" and things like that.

She said, "What're you doing that for?"

He said, "It says DOGS MUST BE CARRIED UP THE ESCALATOR. So I'm looking for a dog."

This couple went to a hotel, for their holidays. The man was very, very mean, as well as stoopid. He said to the manager, "This room's expensive."

"Well you see sir," said the manager, "It's £10 extra for a room overlooking the sea."

"Tell you what," said the man, "I'll promise not to look."

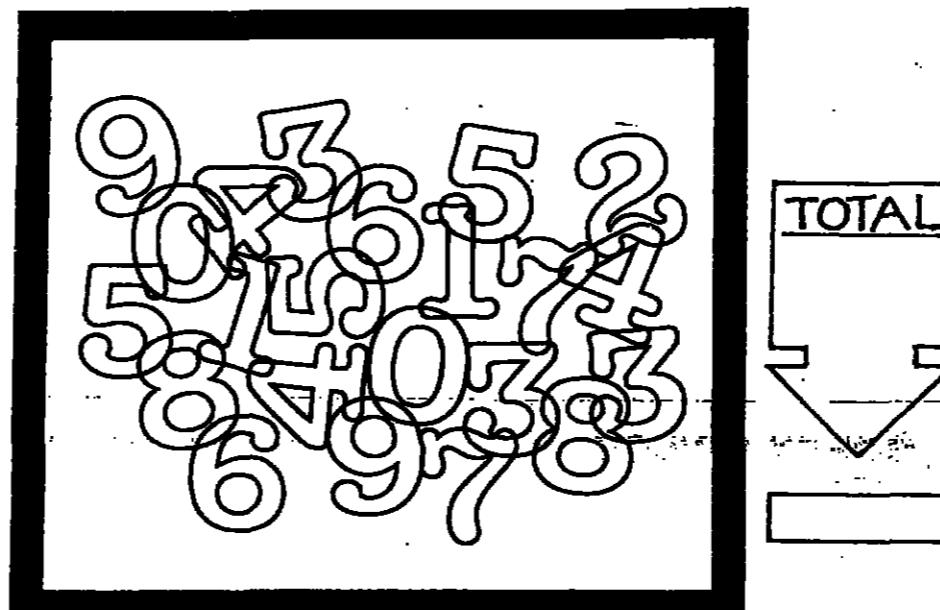
This man and this dog were playing draughts, and the dog won. A chap who was watching said, "My word, what an amazing dog. He could make you a fortune."

"No," said the man, "He's not that good. I've beaten him once or twice."

A friend of mine's a runner. He reckons he can do a three-minute mile. Mind you, he knows a short cut.

## NUMBER JUMBLE

Add up all the jumbled numbers in this box and write the total in the square provided.



CLASS	MUSIC
COLLEGES	NOTES
COUNT	PAPER
DRAMATICS	PASS
EXAMS	PEN
GAMES	PROM
GRADE	PUPIL
HISTORY	SCHOLAR
LEARN	TEAM
LESSON	TERM
LETTERS	TEST
MARKS	TEXT
	THESIS

## BACK TO SCHOOL

S N G K K Y R O T S I H T  
B S R T E S T N P H E E  
D P A P E R U I I A M O X  
X X D L X O J J L A S T T  
S S E E C O L L E G E S F  
C C J T M R E T V X X G J  
X H N T N A A L N N A J M  
N O T E S X R E M M X M U  
X L P R O M N S E N N S  
X A D S F G J S K R A M I  
X R I O O L L O M M B B C  
T H E S I S X N L I P U P  
D R A M A T I C S B N N L

## Dear Junior Readers,

We are all familiar. In attacking organs of the body, each group of viruses causes a different group of diseases.

Some of the diseases caused by skin-attacking viruses are chickenpox, smallpox, measles, German measles and fever blisters.

Other viruses cause diseases of the nerve tissue, such as rabies, brain fever and infantile paralysis (these, thank God, are not easily spread).

A third group of viruses cause diseases in the internal organs. Yellow fever, Influenza, the common cold and viral liver inflammation are examples of this group. This group is the most easily transmitted. So keep aware!

Mand

## School starters



Nawaf Hamid Parker is going to school for the first time this year.



Astra Menezes is going to start school this year. She is of Indian nationality and will be going to the Indian School in Manga and wishes to be a doctor when she grows up.

## Birthday coupon

Is your birthday to come soon? Are you a regular reader of the Junior Times?

Well, now is the chance to let your friends know that is your birthday!

Or maybe you would like to surprise your best friend brother or sister by putting their picture in for them. The details we need are:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ (confidential)

Send to:

ARAB TIMES

Junior Times

P.O. Box 2270

13023, Safat,

Kuwait

To avoid belated greetings please send within a week before the special date

## Going to school

Are you going to school for the first time? You must be really excited. Send the coupon to and celebrate your first day at school with all your fellow readers. Just fill in the information required and the address is as always!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_  
What you want to be when you grow up: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Confidential)

Favourite  
4x6  
photograph

ARAB TIMES

Junior Times

P.O. Box 2270

13023, Safat,

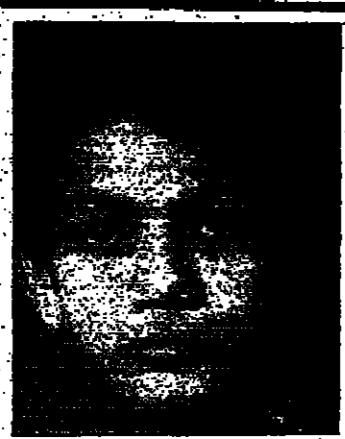
Kuwait

هذا من المهم



Lorien John celebrates her 10th birthday today, August 31. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Lorien goes to Jesus and Mary School in Lahore and likes reading and collecting stamps.



Ashay Kshirsagar celebrates his 12th birthday today, August 31. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Ashay goes to the Indian School and likes photography and painting.



Fathima Shifiani Mahroo celebrates her 3rd birthday on September 1. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Fathima likes playing with toys and watching television.



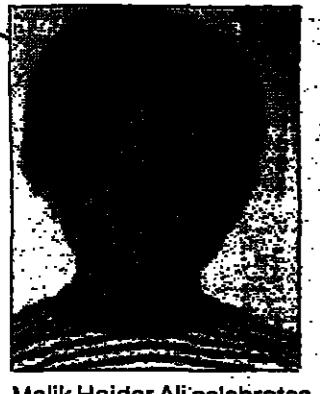
Louis Xavier D'costa celebrates his 6th birthday on September 2. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Louis goes to Carmel School and enjoys cycling, drawing and reading.



Amrin Azad Hossain celebrates her 10th birthday on September 1. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Amrin goes to the Bangladesh School Kuwait and likes music and reading.



Malik Haider Ali celebrates his 7th birthday on September 1. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Malik goes to the International School of Pakistan and likes painting and reading autobiographies.



Tasneem Hashimbhai (Howkwala) celebrates her 4th birthday on September 1. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Tasneem enjoys playing and watching television.



Malik Mohammed Qaiser celebrates his 4th birthday on September 1. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Malik goes to the International School of Pakistan and likes watching Grandizer cartoons and acting.



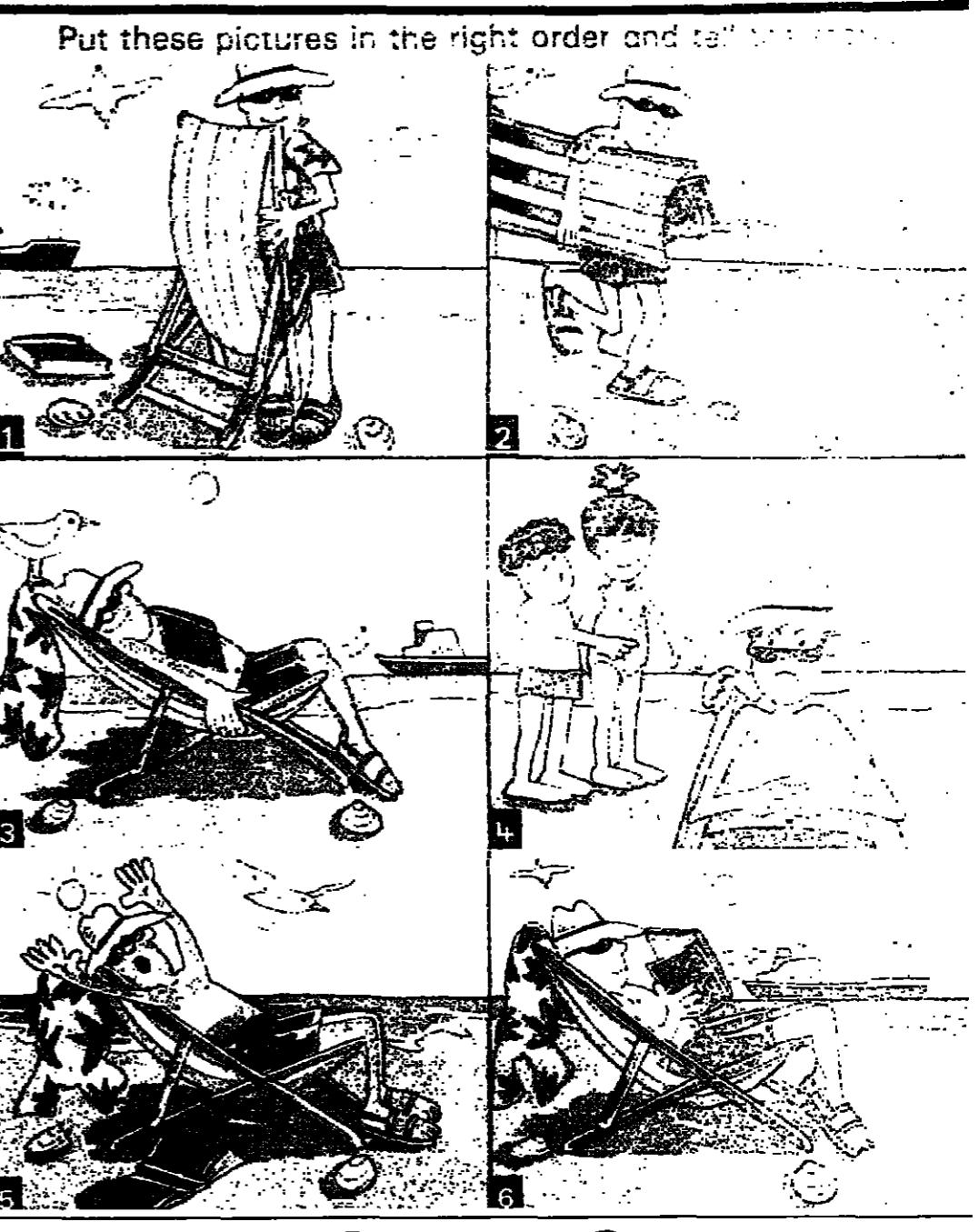
Faisal Altaf Khan celebrated his 13th birthday on August 28. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.

Faisal goes to the Pakistani School and College and his hobbies are car racing and football.

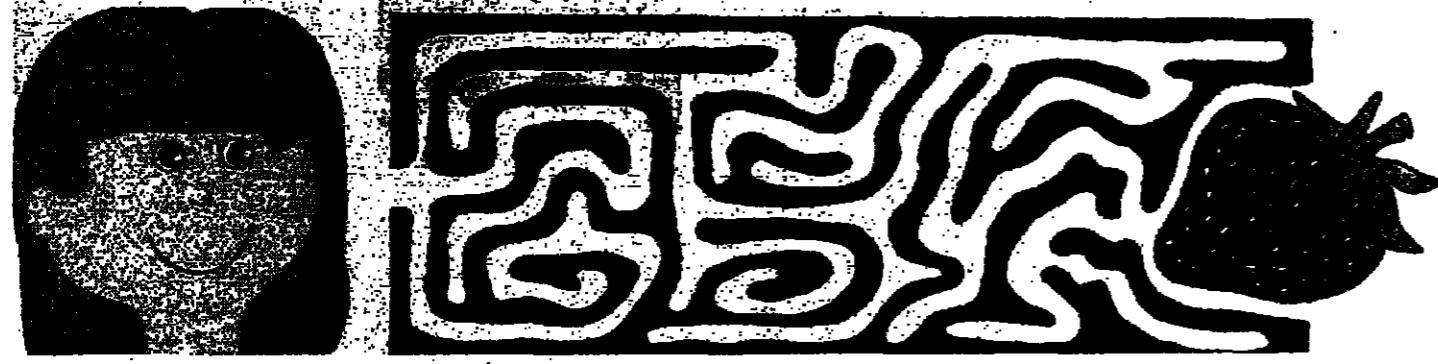


Yusuf Outbuddin Ragib celebrated his 9th birthday on August 30. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.

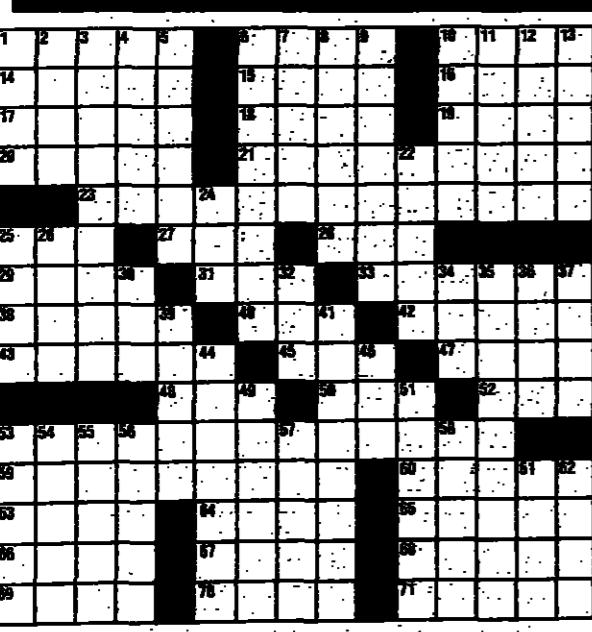
Yusuf goes to the New Indian School and likes cartoons and collecting coins.



Can you help Jill eat her strawberry?



### TODAY'S CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**  
1 Type of car  
6 Treaty  
10 Antlered animal  
14 Sweet liqueur  
15 Fairy-tale character  
16 Impel to action  
17 Savory tomato jelly  
18 Crystal gazer  
19 Former filly  
20 Believer in God  
21 Multiples  
23 Georgia-Alabama border river  
25 Tennis term  
27 Louis XIV, e.g.  
28 Hestian sounds  
29 Mixture  
31 Stow's little heroine  
33 Fodder of a type  
38 Then, in Paris  
40 Stat. for Gooden  
42 Journalist Bly  
43 Group of five  
45 Peer Gynt's mother  
47 Skid  
48 More, in Madrid  
50 Snoot  
52 Poetic contraction  
53 Weather forecaster  
59 Solitude  
60 Revolutionary  
Allen  
63 Italian wine center  
64 Strays  
65 Key —, Fla.  
66 Anthropologist  
Margaret  
67 City near Tahoe  
68 Helps with the dishes  
69 Inactive

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**  
REMI ABODE EBAN  
ATES TIROS MILEO  
BULLDOZERS PILOD  
INTERNE EEDILES  
YETI HARA  
GABLES MICHEINER  
ABAIR MOTEL DRU  
VELDI SAGES ECUS  
ILLE WAXER TROPE  
NEOLATIN COROTS  
FOCI EVER  
REFLOAT ANSONIA  
ALIJI BEILTOWERS  
MART LAYER NOAH  
ASEA ELESE SNEE

### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

#### SPOT THE COMBINATION

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
♦ A J 4  
♥ K 7 2  
♦ K 10 9 7 3 2  
♦ 5  
  
**WEST**  
♦ Q 9 7 6  
♥ J 10 5  
♦ Q 8 6 4  
♦ 8 5  
♦ K Q J 2  
♦ 8 7 6 4 3  
  
**SOUTH**  
♦ 10 5 3  
♥ A 9 3  
♦ A J 6 4  
♦ A 10 9

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
3 NT Pass 5 ♠ Pass  
Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

We have often been asked for the one great secret to winning bridge. Are you ready for this? Find your self a good partner! North had a lot to be thankful for on this hand.

With his collection of losers, North should have realized that, since his hand was likely to produce at least six tricks for partner, nine tricks might prove easier to make than 11. At three no trump, South would have indulged in the pleasant

luxury of simply gathering tricks. Five diamonds was another matter. West led a top club, and declarer could see three possible losers—two spades and a heart. Had South's ten of spades been a low spot card, there would have been only one hope for the contract—to find West with both the king and queen in the suit. Possession of the lowest honor in the suit, however, changed the odds from slight to a sure thing.

Declarer won the first trick with the ace of clubs, cashed the king and ace of trumps and ruffed a club in dummy. After coming to hand with the ace of hearts, another club ruff prepared the ground for an endplay. The king of hearts was cashed and declarer exited with a heart, not caring who won the trick.

Whichever defender gained the lead would have to break the spade suit, since either hearts or clubs would present declarer with the contract via a ruff-shuff. If East won the third heart, his forced return into the spade tenace would limit his side to one spade trick. If West won, declarer would duck the trick to East, who would have to win with an honor and then lead a spade into the tenace. Either way, declarer was able to hold his spade losers to one trick.

With his collection of losers, North should have realized that, since his hand was likely to produce at least six tricks for partner, nine tricks might prove easier to make than 11. At three no trump, South would have indulged in the pleasant

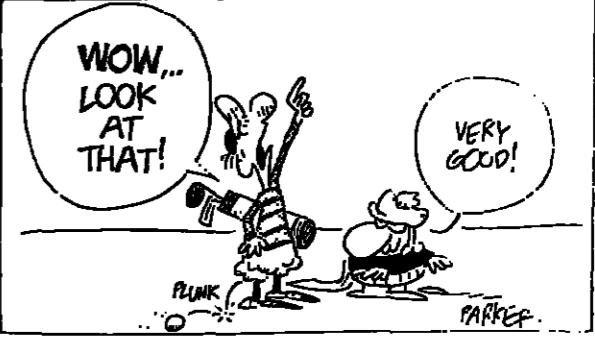
luxury of simply gathering tricks. Five diamonds was another matter.

West led a top club, and declarer could see three possible losers—two spades and a heart. Had South's ten of spades been a low spot card, there would have been only one hope for the contract—to find West with both the king and queen in the suit. Possession of the lowest honor in the suit, however, changed the odds from slight to a sure thing.

Declarer won the first trick with the ace of clubs, cashed the king and ace of trumps and ruffed a club in dummy. After coming to hand with the ace of hearts, another club ruff prepared the ground for an endplay. The king of hearts was cashed and declarer exited with a heart, not caring who won the trick.

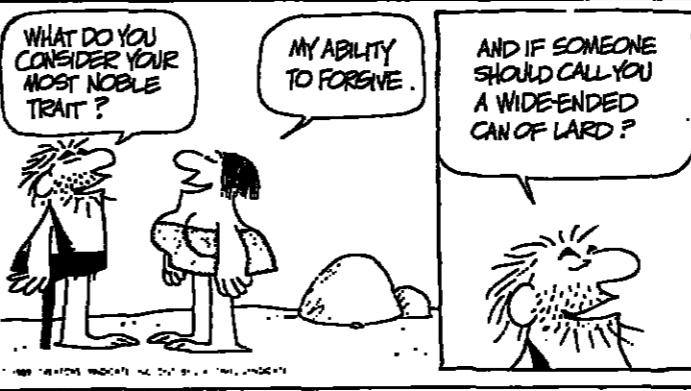
### THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Johnny Hart

B.C.



By Johnny Hart

### YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will perceive a better way of doing something laborious. Something you have to do were best done in simple stages. Make sure your partner is in no doubt about your love. Be sincere.



Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

You should not give up too soon with something you are trying to learn. There is no need to become discouraged even if there are a few setbacks. Do not think that there is no future for you. Be fair.



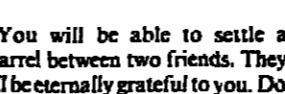
Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You should try to exercise just a little more self-control. You will be trying to do too many things all at once. Work hard but do not allow work to take up all your time. Be generous.



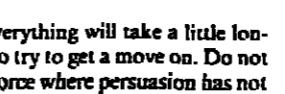
Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

The situation will be somewhat complicated and you should make sure you do not make things worse. Others will quite appreciate something you consider funny, do not persist with it.



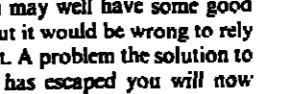
Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will be able to settle a quarrel between two friends. They will be eternally grateful to you. Do not expect too much from others more from yourself. Be attentive.



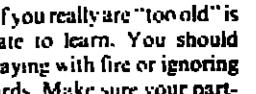
Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

Everything will take a little longer so try to get a move on. Do not use force where persuasion has not succeeded. Do not let others take the initiative from you. Be tactful.



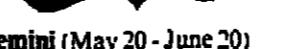
Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You may well have some good luck but it would be wrong to rely upon it. A problem the solution to which has escaped you will now resolve itself. You should make sure you do not do anything that would injure your health.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Only if you really are "too old" is it too late to learn. You should avoid playing with fire or ignoring the hazards. Make sure your partner does not feel neglected. Be objective.



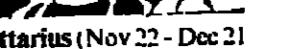
Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will feel like allowing yourself to succumb to a feeling of tiredness, don't. You should try to use just a little more common sense. Do all you can to avoid becoming bored.



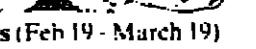
Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

Try to be a little more tidy or else you will waste time just looking for things. There is little point in wisdom after the event, but you can learn from it. Use just a little more common sense. Be tolerant.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You should not allow yourself to be intimidated by what still remains to be done, just get on with it. Do not lose contact with a friend who has moved house.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

At long last you will be able to make a little more rapid progress. Avoid sitting too long in one place. Your lucky numbers are 15 and 7. Look ahead to the future rather than back to the past. Be just.

We have often been asked for the one great secret to winning bridge. Are you ready for this? Find your self a good partner! North had a lot to be thankful for on this hand.

With his collection of losers, North should have realized that, since his hand was likely to produce at least six tricks for partner, nine tricks might prove easier to make than 11. At three no trump, South would have indulged in the pleasant

luxury of simply gathering tricks. Five diamonds was another matter.

West led a top club, and declarer could see three possible losers—two spades and a heart. Had South's ten of spades been a low spot card, there would have been only one hope for the contract—to find West with both the king and queen in the suit. Possession of the lowest honor in the suit, however, changed the odds from slight to a sure thing.

Declarer won the first trick with the ace of clubs, cashed the king and ace of trumps and ruffed a club in dummy. After coming to hand with the ace of hearts, another club ruff prepared the ground for an endplay. The king of hearts was cashed and declarer exited with a heart, not caring who won the trick.

Whichever defender gained the lead would have to break the spade suit, since either hearts or clubs would present declarer with the contract via a ruff-shuff. If East won the third heart, his forced return into the spade tenace would limit his side to one spade trick. If West won, declarer would duck the trick to East, who would have to win with an honor and then lead a spade into the tenace. Either way, declarer was able to hold his spade losers to one trick.

Declarer won the first trick with the ace of clubs, cashed the king and ace of trumps and ruffed a club in dummy. After coming to hand with the ace of hearts, another club ruff prepared the ground for an endplay. The king of hearts was cashed and declarer exited with a heart, not caring who won the trick.

Whichever defender gained the lead would have to break the spade suit, since either hearts or clubs would present declarer with the contract via a ruff-shuff. If East won the third heart, his forced return into the spade tenace would limit his side to one spade trick. If West won, declarer would duck the trick to East, who would have to win with an honor and then lead a spade into the tenace. Either way, declarer was able to hold his spade losers to one trick.

Declarer won the first trick with the ace of clubs, cashed the king and ace of trumps and ruffed a club in dummy. After coming to hand with the ace of hearts, another club ruff prepared the ground for an endplay. The king of hearts was cashed and declarer exited with a heart, not caring who won the trick.

Whichever defender gained the lead would have to break the spade suit, since either hearts or clubs would present declarer with the contract via a ruff-shuff. If East won the third heart, his forced return into the spade tenace would limit his side to one spade trick. If West won, declarer would duck the trick to East, who would have to win with an honor and then lead a spade into the tenace. Either way, declarer was able to hold his spade losers to one trick.

Declarer won the first trick with the ace of clubs, cashed the king and ace of trumps and ruffed a club in dummy. After coming to hand with the ace of hearts, another club ruff prepared the ground for an endplay. The king of hearts was cashed and declarer exited with a heart, not caring who won the trick.

Whichever defender gained the lead would have to break the spade suit, since either hearts or clubs would present declarer with the contract via a ruff-shuff. If East won the third heart, his forced return into the spade tenace would limit his side to one spade trick. If West won, declarer would duck the trick to East, who would have to win with an honor and then lead a spade into the tenace. Either way, declarer was able to hold his spade losers to one trick.

Declarer won the first trick with the ace of clubs, cashed the king and ace of trumps and ruffed a club in dummy. After coming to hand with the ace of hearts, another club ruff prepared the ground for an endplay. The king of hearts was cashed and declarer exited with a heart, not caring who won the trick.

Whichever defender gained the lead would have to break the spade suit, since either hearts or clubs would present declarer with the contract via a ruff-shuff. If East won the third heart, his forced return into the spade tenace would limit his side to one spade trick. If West won, declarer would duck the trick to East, who would have to win with an honor and then lead a spade into the tenace. Either way, declarer was able to hold his spade losers to one trick.

Declarer won the first trick with the ace of clubs, cashed the king and ace of trumps and ruffed a club in dummy. After coming to hand with the ace of hearts, another club ruff prepared the ground for an endplay. The king of hearts was cash

# ARAB TIMES Classifieds

**BOODAI CARGO**  
International Freight Forwarder  
★ World-wide door to door service  
★ Customs Clearance  
★ Packing-Forwarding Air - Sea - Trucking  
Tel 4837650

**FOR RENT**  
Big villas, small villas, half villas, big flats with swimming pool & stores in all areas in Kuwait.  
Messilah Beach Real Estate 2401858 - 2408510

**Al Ibrahim Taxi**  
Tel. 2400013, 2400014, 2400015  
Farwaniya branch  
Tel. 4745600, 4745900

**FOR RENT**  
Villas, half villas and flats with swimming pool  
Tel: 2401908 - 2407677 2403260  
The All Real Estate

**GOOD NEWS TAXI**  
Opening a branch in Abu Halifa  
**AL SAADAH TAXI**  
TEL: 3728855, 3721116

**REQUIRED**  
Female or male  
**TAILORS**  
Indian or Filipino with good experience  
Tel: 5628700/206, morning, 7.30 - 1 pm. 5631092, after 8 pm.  
**484-6009**

**REQUIRED**  
A male bilingual translator cum secretarial clerk in Arabic and English language.  
Tel.: 2444364

**AL FARAS AL THAHABIA**  
Car rental KD5 per day  
Special fares for contracts and companies  
Model: 1989 cars.  
Tel: 2642715, 2642716.

**WANTED SHIPPING ASSISTANT**  
With very good experience in documentation for container and general cargo vessels.  
Please apply in confidence with full details to:  
P.O. Box 20637, Safat, 13067, Kuwait

شركة النقيب وخطار  
Al-Naqeeb & Khattar Co. W.I.I.

Avoid excess luggage charges  
Airfreight it!

**484-6009**

## MUSICAL CONCERT

Listen to the best loved and popular Indian film songs

**CORNER RESTAURANT**  
PRESENTS

**MELODY NIGHT**  
"89"  
ON

Friday 8th Sept.'89 at The Sharq Co-op Society Hall

Tickets at KD 2.500 now available at

Prince Studio Salmiya: 5624640  
Abari Video Co.: 4712900  
Al Bahar Video, Salmiya: 5615730  
Kuwait Al Water Video Co., Abbasiya: 4319701  
The City Int Exch, Fahheel: 3910097  
Canary Video: 2429129  
Shahani Video: 4317290

Show 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Tickets available at Sharq Co-op. Society Hall on the day of show from 4 pm

# MARKET PLACE

## ACCOMMODATION

### Available

SALMIYA, Hamad Al Mubarak Street, near Co-operative Store. 2 spacious rooms for a couple or working ladies. Tele. Sonia, 2468307. 9 am - 1 pm, 4:30 - 9 pm. (AT5-13-HU-3)

HAWALLI, Tunis Street, one room, CAC, fully furnished with separate bath & tele facilities for a Pakistani bachelor. Bus routes 18, 45, 506. Tele. Pervaiz, 2400900 Ext 23118 - 10 am, 2629160 after 7:30 pm. (AT4-49033-3)

KUWAIT City Sharq. One room for an Indian bachelor to share with an Indian family. Tele. 2408272. (AT5-49047-2)

SALMIYA, Amman Street, near the garden. Sharing accommodation in a spacious flat with separate kitchen, toilet and tele facilities for a small family or two working girls. Tele. 5633880. (AT6-49066-3)

FARWANIYA behind the Holiday Inn. One room for a Goan or Marigorian (Catholic) to share with a family. Rent KD50. Tele. Theresa, 4718117/8 from 8am-5pm. (AT5-49053-2)

RASSALMIYA near the Marzouk Pearl Hotel. Sharing accommodation in a 2-bedroom furnished flat for 1 or 2 persons from 1st September. Tele. 5723573. (AT5-AKH-HU-3)

SURRA, deluxe villa, near American and English Schools. Tele. Mr Bader 5317132. (AT5-49055-3)

BAYAN, Area 3, Street 3, deluxe flat, ground floor. Tele. Abu Aziz 5393067, 5383723. (AT5-49051-3)

**REQUIRED**  
**ELECTRICIANS**  
with 3 to 5 years experience in domestic wiring.

Please call 5515460/1/2, between 7 am and 2 pm, for an interview.

**Exporting from USA**  
American manufactured goods to countries in the Middle East.

Contact:  
Syed Associates Inc.  
105 Frank R. BL South,  
Harrison, NJ. 07020, U.S.A.  
Phone: 1-201-481-1917  
FAX: 1-201-482-2458

**VACANT**  
Wanted a professional tailor  
Arabic and English speaking  
Saleswoman with pleasant personality. Please phone 2431604.  
Canadeer Fashion, Salhiya Complex

**WANTED A NURSE**  
for a private clinic  
Please call: 2611126 during working hours from 8:30 — 12 noon 4:30 — 8 pm

**FOR RENT**  
Villas, half villas, flats, complete buildings, offices in all areas in Kuwait with or without swimming pool

Qatar Real Estate  
Tele. 2406592, 2406593

**Oh, No!**  
**One is missing!!**

I should have called Alghanim...

No one does it better.

The biggest IATA Freight agent in Kuwait.

**Alghanim**

Sea-Freight - Air Packing

Fahheel 3803498/B Sharq 2460572/3 Murgab 2413285/2413881

Customer Services Tel. 4745533

Alternative supply of Carmel School uniforms  
Now available at

**BHASIN CO. W.L.L.**

SMALL	MED
KD.3.250	3.500
LARGE	XLARGE
4.500	5.500

XXLARGE OUT SIZES 6.500 7.500

MATERIAL KD 1.500 P/MTR  
LT. BLUE SHIRT/BLOUSE AT KD 1.750

(BOYS TROUSERS KD. 1.500)

AL MUTAWA BLDG., BEHIND SOUK AL KABEER

TEL NOS: 2433552 - 2435301

حکما من العزم

## Wanted

3 or 2 bedroom apartment with basic furnishings and without electrical appliances required for one or two months' for a family. Tele. 4742911 after 4pm only. (AT5-49056-2)

## FOR SALE

### Boats

GLASS fibre boat Shetland. 16ft with trailer, made in England. brand new for sale. Tele. 2414720. (AT4-49038-6)

### Cars

MERCEDES 560SEC, registered Oct 88, charcoal-grey, interior grey leather, 18,000 kms, power seats (memory), sun-roof, air-bag, ABS, climate control, Becker-Mexico, hydraulic levelling, plus more, in showroom condition, agent maintained, one owner, leaving. Tele. 2533000 ext. 4759, after 5 pm, 2437747, 8.30 am - 1 pm. (AT4-49027-3)

HONDA ACCORD 1984, dark blue, automatic, AC 4 doors, sunroof, insured up to May 1990. 61,000 kms, one owner, in excellent condition. KD1400 cash on delivery. Tele. 5385094. (AT4-49058-3)

RANGE Rover '82, AC, manual in good condition. KD 950. Tele. M. Eric 5312000. (AT5-49013-3)

SAAB 900 Turbo 1982, automatic, white, sunroof. Owner leaving. In good condition. KD650. Tele. Craig, 2452880/5330509. (AT6-49068-3)

CADILLAC Coupe De Ville 1980, automatic, AC, in very good condition. KD 800. Tele. M. Eric 5312000. (AT5-49036-3)

NISSAN BLUEBIRD 1984, exterior, grey interior, 4 doors, sunroof, AC, fully automatic, 63,000 kms, insured up to March 1990. KD1200. KD200 down payment 49 per month for 24 months. Tele. 2407677. (AT4-49061-3)

CHRYSLER Le Baron, white, well-maintained and used as second car by an English lady owner, in excellent condition. KD650. Tele. 5389173, after 2.30 pm. (AT4-49013-3)

CHEVROLET Spectrum 1986, purchased in 1987. 40,000 kms, 5 speed manual, lady owner, in excellent condition. KD1150. Tele. 3713507. (AT4-49028-3)

MUST sell AC, TV, video, fridge, cupboard, settee etc. AC KD35. video KD80. Tele. Tommy, 5638842, 8 am - 9 pm. (AT4-49039-3)

TOYOTA Cressida, Grande 2.8, 1985. 57,500 kms, lady owned. Registration upto Aug 1990, in excellent condition. KD2350. ono. Tele. 3920784, 5719473. (AT5-49033-3)

ALL household items for sale behind the Fisheries building in Sharq. Tele. Jeffer Ali, 2410795/7, 8 am - 5 pm. (AT6-49044-3)

TWO brand new hand knitted Pakistani carpets, size 7 x 4 1/2 ft. for sale. Tele. 2449686. (AT6-49075-3)

SINGLE and double beds and other household items for immediate sale. Tele. 5330568. (AT5-49046-2)

HONDA CM 200 motorcycle 1984 model, blue colour, very good condition. Price KD 310. Tele. Shahid, 2423839. (AT5-49031-2)

ITALIAN sofa set 7 pieces with corner, beige and brown colour at throwaway prices. KD135. Tele. 5652378, 8 - 11 am, 4 - 6 pm. (AT4-49029-3)

TOYOTA Cressida, Grande 2.8, 1985. 57,500 kms, lady owned. Registration upto Aug 1990, in excellent condition. KD2350. ono. Tele. 3920784, 5719473. (AT4-49033-3)

MUST sell AC, TV, video, fridge, cupboard, settee etc. AC KD35. video KD80. Tele. Tommy, 5638842, 8 am - 9 pm. (AT4-49039-3)

ALL household items for sale behind the Fisheries building in Sharq. Tele. Jeffer Ali, 2410795/7, 8 am - 5 pm. (AT6-49044-3)

TWO brand new hand knitted Pakistani carpets, size 7 x 4 1/2 ft. for sale. Tele. 2449686. (AT6-49075-3)

SINGLE and double beds and other household items for immediate sale. Tele. 5330568. (AT5-49046-2)

HONDA CM 200 motorcycle 1984 model, blue colour, very good condition. Price KD 310. Tele. Shahid, 2423839. (AT5-49031-2)

ITALIAN sofa set 7 pieces with corner, beige and brown colour at throwaway prices. KD135. Tele. 5652378, 8 - 11 am, 4 - 6 pm. (AT4-49029-3)

TOYOTA Cressida, Grande 2.8, 1985. 57,500 kms, lady owned. Registration upto Aug 1990, in excellent condition. KD2350. ono. Tele. 3920784, 5719473. (AT4-49033-3)

MUST sell AC, TV, video, fridge, cupboard, settee etc. AC KD35. video KD80. Tele. Tommy, 5638842, 8 am - 9 pm. (AT4-49039-3)

ALL household items for sale behind the Fisheries building in Sharq. Tele. Jeffer Ali, 2410795/7, 8 am - 5 pm. (AT6-49044-3)

TWO brand new hand knitted Pakistani carpets, size 7 x 4 1/2 ft. for sale. Tele. 2449686. (AT6-49075-3)

SINGLE and double beds and other household items for immediate sale. Tele. 5330568. (AT5-49046-2)

HONDA CM 200 motorcycle 1984 model, blue colour, very good condition. Price KD 310. Tele. Shahid, 2423839. (AT5-49031-2)

ITALIAN sofa set 7 pieces with corner, beige and brown colour at throwaway prices. KD135. Tele. 5652378, 8 - 11 am, 4 - 6 pm. (AT4-49029-3)

TOYOTA Cressida, Grande 2.8, 1985. 57,500 kms, lady owned. Registration upto Aug 1990, in excellent condition. KD2350. ono. Tele. 3920784, 5719473. (AT4-49033-3)

MUST sell AC, TV, video, fridge, cupboard, settee etc. AC KD35. video KD80. Tele. Tommy, 5638842, 8 am - 9 pm. (AT4-49039-3)

ALL household items for sale behind the Fisheries building in Sharq. Tele. Jeffer Ali, 2410795/7, 8 am - 5 pm. (AT6-49044-3)

TWO brand new hand knitted Pakistani carpets, size 7 x 4 1/2 ft. for sale. Tele. 2449686. (AT6-49075-3)

SINGLE and double beds and other household items for immediate sale. Tele. 5330568. (AT5-49046-2)

HONDA CM 200 motorcycle 1984 model, blue colour, very good condition. Price KD 310. Tele. Shahid, 2423839. (AT5-49031-2)









## SPORTS

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1, 1989

## Worcester in line for English county title

LONDON, Aug. 30: (Reuters): Worcestershire survived a rare failure from Graeme Hick to retain their chance of clinching the English County Cricket Championship title against Gloucestershire at Worcester.

Worcestershire, needing 23 points to be sure of retaining the title, collected two batting bonus points but were defeated by discarded England opener Tim Curtis who made a marathon 98 out of his side's 240 for eight in 95 overs.

Apart from Curtis, who hit 11 hours, no-one

else topped 30 as the Gloucester bowlers held the upper hand for most of a gloomy day. Hick was 150 for 19.

Second-placed Essex were held up by Surrey's Alec Stewart as they sought to close the 26-point gap at the top.

Stewart hit 120 to strengthen his claims for inclusion as a wicket-keeper-batsman on England's tour to the West Indies as Surrey struggled to 225 for eight before bad light ended play 28 overs early.

Sussex's Ian Gould scored his first century for two years as Sussex surged to 430 all out against Hampshire having been reduced to three for two in the first over.

Gould made 125 and Alan Wells and Tony Pickett both hit 91 in quick time. Dutch seamer

Paul Jan Bakker took five for 83. Ashley Metcalfe lifted Yorkshire's sagging morale with an unbeaten 84 out of his side's 178 for three on a shortened day against Warwickshire at Headingley.

West Indian fast bowler Winston Benjamin caused Derbyshire problems at Leicester, taking two wickets in his first over of the morning. Derbyshire recovered slightly to 159 for seven by the close.

Sussex's Ian Gould scored his first century for two years as Sussex surged to 430 all out against Hampshire having been reduced to three for two in the first over.

Gould made 125 and Alan Wells and Tony Pickett both hit 91 in quick time. Dutch seamer

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## US coach

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 30, (Reuters): A hearing will be held on September 20 into allegations that US track coach Chuck Debus dispensed performance-enhancing drugs to athletes, the athletics commission announced yesterday.

## Cycling events

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado, Aug. 30, (AP): The US cycling Federation announced yesterday that the world cycling championships have been awarded to the United States by the international cycling union. World Mountain Bike Championships and the 1991 Junior World Championships.

## Flying start

DEUNDE, Scotland, Aug. 30, (AP): Defending champion Malcolm Elliott got off to a flying start when the six-day tour of Britain cycle race began yesterday. The British professional raced to the top of the Law, a 571-foot climb overlooking this Scottish town in five minutes, 48.99 seconds to take a lead of 1.1 seconds over fellow Briton Paul Curran and outclass the rest of the 87-man field in the opening 4.02 km (2.7-mile) time trial.

## Dog race

WESTLAKE, Alaska, Aug. 30, (AP): Two teams from the Soviet Union defeated two from the United States in the 19th annual Iditarod sled dog race from Anchorage to Nome, race officials say.

## ATP events

NEW YORK, Aug. 30, (Reuters): The Association of Tennis Professionals, the players' group that will handle men's tour starting in January, announced yesterday it was removing two South African tournaments from its 1990 schedule.

## 2004 Games

WEST BERLIN, Aug. 30, (Reuters): West Berlin decided yesterday to organise a feasibility study of its proposal to host the 2004 Olympic Games with East Berlin. The study group is due to report back to the city government before the end of the year.

## Welsh exodus

LONDON, Aug. 30, (Reuters): Jonathan Davies, Wales and British Lions centre, joined a Welsh exodus from rugby union to Professional Rugby League when he signed for League champions Widnes yesterday.

## Title fight

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 30, (Reuters): Mexico's Daniel Zangozo defends his World Boxing Council (WBC) super-bantamweight title tomorrow against 10th-ranked Frankie Duarte of the United States in a battle of two heavy-punching scrapers.

## Cycling record

ALTON, Illinois, Aug. 30, (AP): When Bob Breedlove set a double-transcontinental cycling record, the starting line and the finish line were in the familiar heartland — but uphill terrain on the last leg gave him some trouble. "Coming back from New York to Alton it was very difficult. I ascended the significant mountains. I was fatigued. I'm not used to climbing mountains in central Iowa," said Breedlove, 37, an orthopaedic surgeon from Des Moines.

## Joint bid

BRUSSELS, Aug. 30, (Reuters): Belgium and the Netherlands are planning a joint bid to stage the 1996 European Soccer Championships. Belgian Soccer Federation president Michel D'Hooghe said yesterday.

## Finnish squad

HELSINKI, Aug. 30, (Reuters): Finnish soccer coach Jukka Vakkila has lost his trust in the players who lost 1-0 at home to the Netherlands in May for his side's World Cup qualifying clash with Wales next week.

## 16th rebel

LONDON, Aug. 30, (Reuters): Sussex batsman Alan Wells will be the 16th member of Mike Gatting's rebel English cricket team to tour South Africa next year. The 27-year-old Sussex batsman replaces Roland Butcher, who pulled out of the six-week trip starting next January after condemnation from fellow black sportsmen.

## Games shortfall

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Aug. 30, (AP): The New Zealand cabinet will meet next week to discuss a possible \$18 million short fall in funding for the Commonwealth Games, which are scheduled to be held in Auckland in January.

## Strange fined

PONTE VEDRA, Florida, Aug. 30, (AP): Curtis Strange was fined for on-course, on-camera remarks directed at a photographer during the PGA Championship, the PGA Tour said.

## Osamu triumphs

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado, Aug. 30, (AP): Osamu Samonoya of Kobe City, Japan, beat Dennis Sullivan 2-and-1 yesterday in the second round of the 30th World Senior Golf Championships.

## Hockey season

TEAMS/CLUBS who participated in Unity Cricket & Hockey Association's 1988-89 hockey season have been invited to take part in the 1989-90 season. The season starts in Sept and teams can confirm their acceptance to Mohammed Naem Janjua, Tel: 3987013 (residence) or 3989111 ext 7325. New players have also been invited to register themselves. Practice sessions will be held on Sundays and Tuesdays from Sunday, Sept. 3.

## Millwall take top spot

## Charlton crush Chelsea



Eric Young: sent off

Eric Young, sent off

Half Eric Young, already

booked for an earlier clash with

Cascino, was sent off in the

26th minute for pulling back

Sheringham.

Four minutes before half time

Millwall made their one-man

advantage count when Cas-

cino flicked on Keith Stevens'

throw, and Steve Anthrobus

stabbed home from eight metres.

It was his first goal for the club.

Some ferocious tackling ear-

ned Cascino, Stevens, Terry

Hurlock and Ian Dawes book-

ing in addition to Young's send-

ing off.

Wimbledon went back in front

in the 55th minute when Alan

Cork scored with a chip.

Millwall fought to save a point

in the later stages, but it looked

like they had failed until Cas-

cino struck.

Williams, an England under-

21 striker, put Charlton 2-0 up in

24 minutes and Mortimer sealed

a deserved victory 10 minutes

from time with the best goal of

the match. Defender Colin Pates

drove the ball from the halfway

line. Williams chested it down,

and Mortimer took it in his stride

before driving past Dave Beasant

from the edge of the area.

Chelsea, with two wins out of

three before the game, put on a

lot of second half pressure but

created few chances. They dropped

to second in the table with

seven points while Everton,

Coventry and Charlton have six.

Meanwhile, English soccer

activity was buzzing with transfer

news yesterday as Gary Pallister,

the most expensive player to

be traded between two domestic

teams, prepared to start his first

game for Manchester United and

another United-bound player

came to terms with his move

breaking down.

Results

English Division One

Charlton 3 Chelsea 0

Southampton 2 Aston Villa 1

Wimbledon 2 Millwall 1

Scottish League Cup fourth

Hibernian 1 Dunfermline 3

English League Cup first

round, second leg

Aldershot 6 Peterborough 2

Wimbledon 10 Bradford 2

Bolton 1 Brighton 1

Brentford 1 Blackpool 1

Bury 1 Stockport 1

Carlisle 0 Halifax 2

Chester 0 Crewe 2

Coventry 0 Birmingham 2

Doncaster 1 Huddersfield 2

Grimsby 2 Hull 1

L'Orion 1 Gillingham 0

Notts County 3 Shrewsbury 1

Plymouth 0 Cardiff 1

Portsmouth 2 Bristol 0

Rover 0 Coventry 1

Reading 2 Sheffield City 0

Rotherham 1 Sheffield U 2

Scunthorpe 1 Scarborough 1

Southend 2 Colchester 1

Swansea 1 Exeter 1

Tranmere 3 Preston 1

Wigan 0 Wrexham 1

York 4 Hartlepool 1

Maradona threatens legal action

Maradona

ROME, Aug. 30, (Reuters): Diego Maradona today threatened legal action against his Italian club Napoli in a row over extending his holidays without permission.

In an interview with Italian television from Buenos Aires, the Argentine World Cup captain said he would definitely be returning to Italy on Thursday, ending nearly a month of absence without leave.

"I will speak to (Napoli president Corrado) Ferlaino and tell him I have come to a drastic decision on this," Maradona said. "I've spoken to my lawyers and definitely everything they have said they will have to say again in court."

"Does that mean you are taking people to court," a reporter asked.

"All of them, yes, yes," Maradona replied.

UEFA Cup holders Napoli, after twice extending the Argentine World Cup captain's holiday, have begun disciplinary proceedings against him for refusing to return to Italy in time for last Sunday's start of the season.

"I know the public wants the

League and I would rather win than

the Cup Winners' Cup," Cruyff said

after a goal-rich pre-season tour of

the Netherlands. "But if things

go on like this, I will have to

cancel my holidays," he said.

"I know the public wants the

League and I would rather win than

the Cup Winners' Cup," Cruyff said

after a goal-rich pre-season tour of

the Netherlands. "But if things

go on like this, I will have to

cancel my holidays," he said.

## Yugoslavs sue Celtics over Radja signing

BOSTON, Aug 30. (Reuters): European Cup basketball champions Jugoplastika yesterday filed a multimillion dollar lawsuit against the Boston Celtics for signing Dino Radja, one of the stars of the Yugoslav team.

In the suit filed in a federal court, Jugoplastika accused the Celtics of inducing Radja, 21, to break a four-year contract with the Yugoslav club.

The suit described Radja as the cornerstone of the team and alleged that the club

had been damaged by the Celtics' interference in their contract with the player.

Since joining the team in the 1984-85 season as its starting centre, Radja has led the League in scoring and helped the Yugoslav national team to win the European

Championship and a silver medal at the last year's Seoul Olympics.

Early this month Radja, who was drafted by the Celtics in June, signed a one-year contract with Boston reported to be worth \$300,000.

## Evert takes Fulco to task

Connors brushes aside Nijssen

NEW YORK, Aug 30. (UPI): Chris Evert, making her farewell appearance at the tournament that launched her to stardom, wore down Bettina Fulco, 6-4, 6-2, on a wet, overcast afternoon yesterday to gain the second round of the US Open.

Since reaching the semifinals as a 16-year-old in 1971, Evert has won the championship six times while failing only once to gain the semis. However, she admitted she wasn't match-tough and said, "it would be almost a miracle for me to win this tournament. It would be beyond my wildest dreams."

The victory was the 98th for Evert at the US Open, a record for men or women. Her next opponent will be Elise Burgin, a 7-5, 6-4 winner over Lori McNeil.

"In the first round all you want to do is get by," the 34-year-old third seed said. "I certainly didn't impress myself much, but I was in the match and I concentrated well."

Knocking down the image that she will turn into a housewife, Evert joked, "I'm not going to be washing the dishes and pans. I'll pay someone to do it."

Jimmy Connors, winner of the Open five times, routed Tom Nijssen of the Netherlands, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2. The 36-year-old left-hander has lost 16 pounds in the last month.



Evert (left) returns the ball while Eberg watches the ball before hitting a backhand shot. (Reuter wirephoto)

This was Connors' 103rd singles match at the US Open, moving him one head of Vic Seixas as the all-time men's leader.

Four-time Open champion Martina Navratilova, the second seed, swept the first eight games from qualifier El Jida of Japan and breezed to a 6-0, 6-2 victory in 46 minutes, while No. 3 Gabriela Sabatini required 12 minutes longer to rout West German Claudia Porwilk, 6-1, 6-2.

Third seed Stefan Edberg defeated Javier Frana of Argentina, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2. The 36-year-old left-hander has lost 16 pounds in the last month.

Connors, enmeshed in the most

unsettling season of her career, compounded her misery when she was knocked out by Larisa Savchenko of the Soviet Union, 6-2, 6-3. Shriver, known for her big serve, held her service merely twice against a rival who said two weeks ago she was considering retirement because of dissatisfaction with her play.

Fernandez, troubled by a sprained left ankle, lost to fellow American Wendy White, ranked No. 112 in the world, 6-4, 6-3, and Mandlikova, the 1985 champion.

Shriver, enmeshed in the most

pion, struggled for more than 2 hours and barely escaped with a 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 (7-0) victory over West German Eva Pfaff.

Katerina Maleeva, the 14th seed, beat Ann Devries, 6-4, 6-1.

Evert, serving effectively with a first serve rate of 77 per cent for the match, jumped to a 4-1 lead, but Fulco broke in the seventh game and drew even at 4-4.

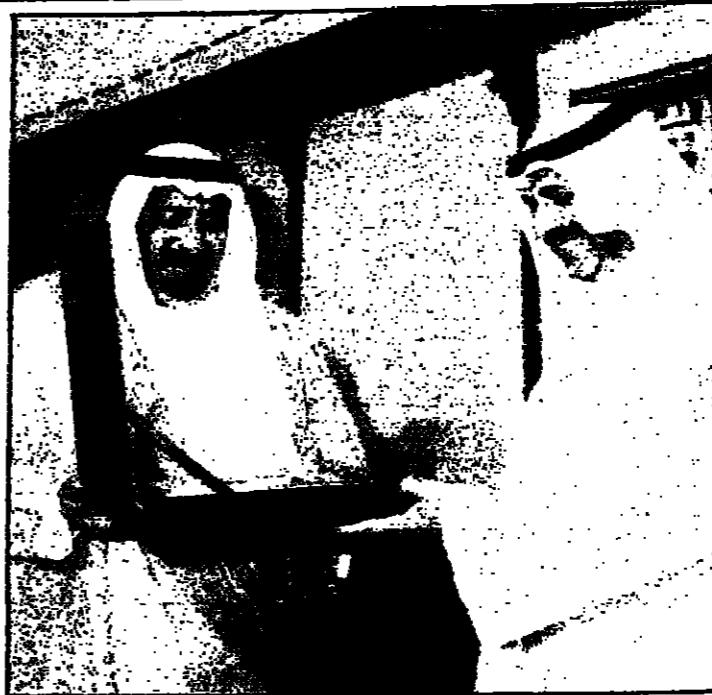
Following an 18-minute rain delay, Evert took the final two games and then broke to a 4-1 lead in the second set, completing the match in an hour and 34 minutes.

Agassi, who has failed to win a tournament this year, served 10 aces, six of them in the second set, against Weiss, the 1988 NCAA singles champion at Pepperdine University.

"The US Open is where you look for something special," said Agassi, whose ranking has dropped from No. 3 to No. 6. "To do well here, regardless how I'm playing this year, would mean a lot to me."

In addition to her poor play this year, Shriver recently lost Navratilova as her doubles partner, and a few days ago failed to gain re-election to the board of the Women's International Tennis Association.

"I've tried to kick-start the engine a couple of times, and then I actually got it going," Shriver said.



Gifts exchanged

Kuwait's Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah received at his office yesterday chairman of Salimya Sports Club, who is also the head of the organising committee for Salimya Silver Jubilee Football Tournament being played in Kuwait. He also received heads of delegations participating in the tournament. Gifts and shields were exchanged during the meeting. Above: Sheikh Ahmad Bin Al Khalifa (left), head of Bahrain's Muhamraq delegation, presents a shield to Sheikh Salem.

## 'Youths to be offered all facilities'

KUWAIT, Aug 30. (OKUNA): HH the Acting Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah asserted today that the government will continue to provide care for the Kuwaiti youths in all fields.

HH Sheikh Saad added that the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour will offer the Kuwaiti youths all facilities to help them succeed with excellence.

The Crown Prince made these remarks when he audience at Bayan Palace a delegation of the Kuwait Club for Handicapped that took part in the UK International Games for the Disabled in July.

The audience was attended by Social Affairs and Labour Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed, Assistant Undersecretary for Youth Affairs Abdul Rahman Al Mazroue, who also serves as board chairman of the Kuwait Club for Handicapped.

Sheikh Saad congratulated the Kuwaiti players for winning gold, silver and bronze medals at the UK Games.

The Minister of Social Affairs and Labour thanked Sheikh Saad for audience the club team.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Qamar quits

KARACHI, Pakistan, Aug 30. (Reuters): Former British Open champion Qamar Zaman of Pakistan bade farewell to international squash after losing to world champion Jahangir Khan in the Pakistan Open on Tuesday. Qamar, 38, announced his retirement after a 17-year career in which he was ranked number one in the world three times, in 1975, when he won the British Open, 1978 and 1980. He intends to concentrate on coaching Pakistan players.

### Equestrian events

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Aug 30. (Reuters): Beijing's bid for the 2000 Olympics is likely to be announced during next year's Asian Games in the Chinese capital, an Asian sports leader said yesterday.

Sheikh Fahd Al Sabah of Kuwait, president of the Olympic Council for Asia (OCA), said: "I think a bid will be announced during the Asian Games."

Fahd visited Beijing two weeks ago before travelling to San Juan to attend a series of International Olympic Committee (IOC) meetings this week.

During his 10-day visit to Beijing to inspect facilities and security arrangements for the Asian Games to be held in September next year, Sheikh Fahd said he discussed a possible Olympic bid with senior officials.

"They told me they wanted to hold the Olympics and from what I have seen they have the facilities to do it," he said.

"I would be very proud to see the Olympics return to Asia after the Games in Tokyo (in 1964) and Seoul (in 1988)."

Sheikh Fahd did not believe the violent crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators in Beijing in June would affect either a possible Olympic bid or the staging of the Asian Games.

As far as the Olympics were concerned, he felt the IOC's positive attitude towards China was reflected in the fact that a Chinese, He Zhenliang, was expected to be appointed to the post of IOC vice-president later this week.

He anticipated that martial law, imposed in Beijing after tanks and troops crushed the student-led protests in June, would be lifted before the Asian Games.

If martial law still in force, Sheikh Fahd said the Games would not be the first major sports event in Asia to be held in such circumstances. A number of major championships had been held in the Philippines during martial law.

Nor did he anticipate any boycott of the Games in protest against the June violence. He expected the full entry of between 6,000 and 7,000 athletes from 38 countries to compete in Beijing.

Chinese leaders have said the Games will go ahead despite the June upheavals and Sheikh Fahd noted that the organisers were scheduled to present a progress report at an OCA meeting in Indonesia in December.

## China expected to bid for Olympics

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Aug 30. (Reuters): Beijing's bid for the 2000 Olympics is likely to be announced during next year's Asian Games in the Chinese capital, an Asian sports leader said yesterday.

Sheikh Fahd Al Sabah of Kuwait, president of the Olympic Council for Asia (OCA), said: "I think a bid will be announced during the Asian Games."

Fahd visited Beijing two weeks ago before travelling to San Juan to attend a series of International Olympic Committee (IOC) meetings this week.

During his 10-day visit to Beijing to inspect facilities and security arrangements for the Asian Games to be held in September next year, Sheikh Fahd said he discussed a possible Olympic bid with senior officials.

"They told me they wanted to hold the Olympics and from what I have seen they have the facilities to do it," he said.

"I would be very proud to see the Olympics return to Asia after the Games in Tokyo (in 1964) and Seoul (in 1988)."

Sheikh Fahd did not believe the violent crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators in Beijing in June would affect either a possible Olympic bid or the staging of the Asian Games.

As far as the Olympics were concerned, he felt the IOC's positive attitude towards China was reflected in the fact that a Chinese, He Zhenliang, was expected to be appointed to the post of IOC vice-president later this week.

He anticipated that martial law, imposed in Beijing after tanks and troops crushed the student-led protests in June, would be lifted before the Asian Games.

If martial law still in force, Sheikh Fahd said the Games would not be the first major sports event in Asia to be held in such circumstances. A number of major championships had been held in the Philippines during martial law.

Nor did he anticipate any boycott of the Games in protest against the June violence. He expected the full entry of between 6,000 and 7,000 athletes from 38 countries to compete in Beijing.

Chinese leaders have said the Games will go ahead despite the June upheavals and Sheikh Fahd noted that the organisers were scheduled to present a progress report at an OCA meeting in Indonesia in December.

### Cancer patient

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug 30. (Reuters): Olympic leaders were urged yesterday to defer for a year any decision on the possible transfer of the 1992 Barcelona equestrian events. An outbreak of African horse plague in Spain has jeopardised the staging of the Olympic riding competitions and raised the possibility that they might be switched to another country.

### Cancer patient

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug 30. (AP): Time is of the essence for Alex Vlahos, the 6-year-old cancer victim whose desperate search for a bone marrow donor was aided by San Francisco Giants pitcher Dan Dravecky. "There will be nothing to gain if we wait any longer," Alex's father, Gene Vlahos, said yesterday. He said Alex was home watching television. "On a daily basis, he's doing good."

### 7-a-side soccer

ENTRIES are open for the Boy's Own Club 5th annual Seven-a-side soccer tournament to be held on Oct 12 at the Al Sour ground. For further information contact Joe D'Souza, Tel. 4813622/25 ext 147.

### New Pak Trophy

THE New Pak Cricket Trophy scheduled to start on Sept 15, 1989 at B. Tower grounds. A meeting in this connection will be held on Friday, Sept 8, 1989 at the Najmat-ul-Khalij Restaurant at 6 pm, all team representatives attend. Contact Rana Imtiaz Hussain Chohan, Tel. 265-1924 or 267-5201.

### Former champion

LONDON, Aug 30. (AP): Nigel Benn, the former Commonwealth middleweight champion, has signed for the American boxing organisation Top Rank and is being lined up for a world title fight in the United States next year. Benn, 25, will meet American Mike Tingley in Atlantic City on Oct 10, in what is expected to be the first in a series of fights for top rank chief Bob Arum.

### Cumani's jockey

LONDON, Aug 30. (Reuters): Italian teenager Frankie Dettori, a green apprentice without a British win just two years ago, was named today to replace Kay Cochrane as Luca Cumani's newmarket stable jockey next season.

### US Open

NEW YORK, Aug 30. (AP): Comptroller Harrison J. Goldin estimated yesterday that the US Open tennis tournament will boost the city's economy by \$117.9 million during its two-week run.

### RESULTS

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club's game held on Tuesday, NJS.

1. Ashkar & Boulris

2. Said Saleh & Abdine

3. Biazus & Homannay EW

4. Shah & Zubiri

5. Mrs. Radha & Mr. Sajpe

6. Mrs. Radha & Mr. Sajpe

7. Ravi & Mehta

A marathon bridge will be held at Sheraton on Friday at 3:00 pm.

Results of the Westminster System-17 game held on Sunday at the Regency Palace.

1. Nahil Akel & Narendra Shah

2. Ahmed Haseeb & Sherin Bayoumi

3. Rita Giacoma & Sultan Ali

## Elliott and Cram to duel for Games spot

LONDON, Aug 30. (AP): Steve Cram and Peter Elliott will duel under the Australian sun to decide which of them runs the 1,500 metres for England at next year's Commonwealth Games, it was announced today.

The sudden-death run-off between Olympic silver medallist Elliott and defending Commonwealth champion Cram over the metric mile will take place at a track meet in Australia just before next January's Games in Auckland, New Zealand.

One of the two middle-distance aces will also be chosen to run the 800 metres at the Games, if desired.

News of the head-to-head



Elliott holds the Ashes at the official presentation on Tuesday. (Reuter wirephoto)



Australian cricketer Merv Hughes sprays champagne after conclusion of the series. Carl Rackemann (right), Terry Alderman (left) and Tim May join in the celebration. (Reuter wirephoto)

### England and Australia Test averages

Batting (tabulate under matches, innings, not outs, total, highest score, average):

AUSTRALIA

Steve Waugh 5 8 4 506 177 not out 126.50

Mark Taylor 6 11 3 839 219 83.90

Allan Border 6 9 1 566 157 73.66

Dean Jones 6 11 3 442 94 70.72

David Boon 6 11 3 442 94 55.25

Trevor Holmes 5 5 1 127 40 51.75

Geoff Lawson 6 11 0 347 138